

Self-Existent God • Trust II

Text: II Sam.22:31

2 Samuel 22:31 “As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.” (NKJ)

- According to BlueLetterBible.com, the word “trust” occurs 134 times in the Old Testament in the KJV. However, there are variations of trust such as “trusting” which are not accounted in this search.... Trusted - appears 29 times. Trustedst - appears 3 times.
- Trust: assured reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something (MW Collegiate Dict. 11th Ed.).
- KJV dictionary, trust (n): Confidence; a reliance or resting of the mind on the integrity, genuineness, justice, friendship or other sound principle of another person. Trust (verb): to place confidence in; to rely on. We cannot trust those who have deceived us. (Adapted).

The previous message focused on God is perfect in everything needed to be trusted. Three things were mentioned, reliability, receptivity/acceptance, and revelatory. From a revelatory point, the root for the Hebrew word “Jehovah” is the verb “hava”, which means “to be, to become, to exist”. Used as a descriptive noun, Jehovah literally means, “the one who has existence in Himself”—Gen. 2:4, and self revealing—Ex. 6:2- 3. The self existent and self revealing qualities expands the support for trust, because it speaks to:

1. The necessity of God.
 - a. Creator—made all things—Jn 1:1-3; Col.1:16-17; Rev.4:11.
 - b. Creator independent of created—Acts 17:23-25.
 - Made everything and doesn’t need anything from us for His existence.
2. The guarantee of new creation for people.
 - a. Not an improvement but actual new creation—II Cor.5:17; Eph.2:8-9.
 - b. Old passed; possession of all new things (Greek Perfect tense *become* means the new remains).
3. The creator as navigator for life.

(Going through a stressful, uncertain period of life, sometimes our navigation signals gets out of sync, and we get confused and emotionally off track. But we recognize God’s credentials and love for us, there is a humbleness and acceptance of His guidance-navigation).

 - a. Trust God to lead through the wilderness and other situations in life—Prov. 3:5-6.
 - b. Trust Him forever—Ps.32:8; 48:14.
 - “For this is God, Our God forever and ever; He will be our guide *Even* to death.” (Ps.48:14 NKJ)

God is responsible for our existence. He can be trusted to give us guidance in this life.

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