



TRUSTING GOD
AND THE ALTERNATIVES

Proverbs 3:5-6

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Trust is not a feeling but a choice. It is a decision. As with any real choice, there are alternatives open to you:



Joshua 24: 14-15

- ¹⁴ Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.
- ¹⁵ And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, **choose you this day whom ye will serve;** whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: **but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**

Joshua gave the people a choice:



John 6:66-69

- ⁶⁶ From that *time* many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.
- ⁶⁷ Then said Jesus unto the twelve,
Will ye also go away?
- ⁶⁸ Then Simon Peter answered him,
Lord, to whom shall we go?
thou hast the words of eternal life.
- ⁶⁹ And we believe and are sure that
thou art that Christ, the Son of the
living God.

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5 Alternatives to Trusting in God

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5 Alternatives to Trusting in God

1. Other gods.

Psalm 115:4-8

- 4 Their idols *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands.
- 5 They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not:
- 6 They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not:
- 7 They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.
- 8 They that make them are like unto them; *so is* every one that trusteth in them.



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Deuteronomy 28:52

And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land:
and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the LORD thy God hath given thee.

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3. Your wealth.

Proverbs 11:28

He that trusteth in his riches shall fall:
but the righteous shall flourish as a
branch.



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Jeremiah 17:5-6

- ⁵ Thus saith the LORD;
Cursed *be* the man that trusteth in
man, and maketh flesh his arm,
and whose heart departeth from the
LORD.
- ⁶ For he shall be like the heath in the
desert, and shall not see when good
cometh; but shall inhabit the parched
places in the wilderness, *in* a salt land
and not inhabited.

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Proverbs 28:26

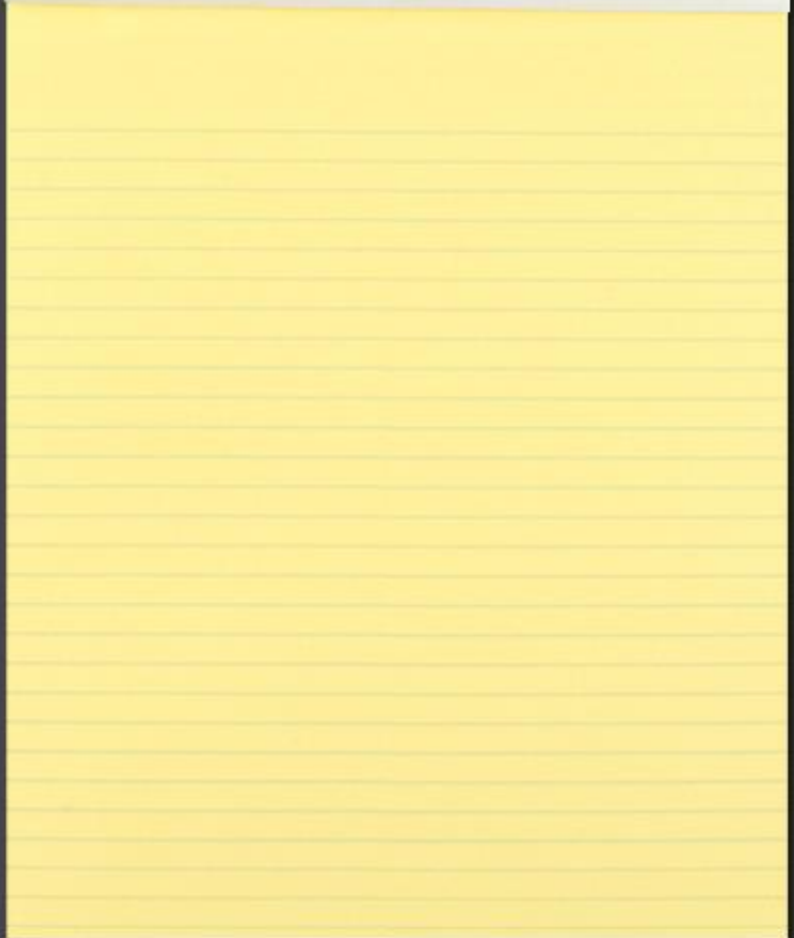
He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.



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8 Reasons to Trust in God



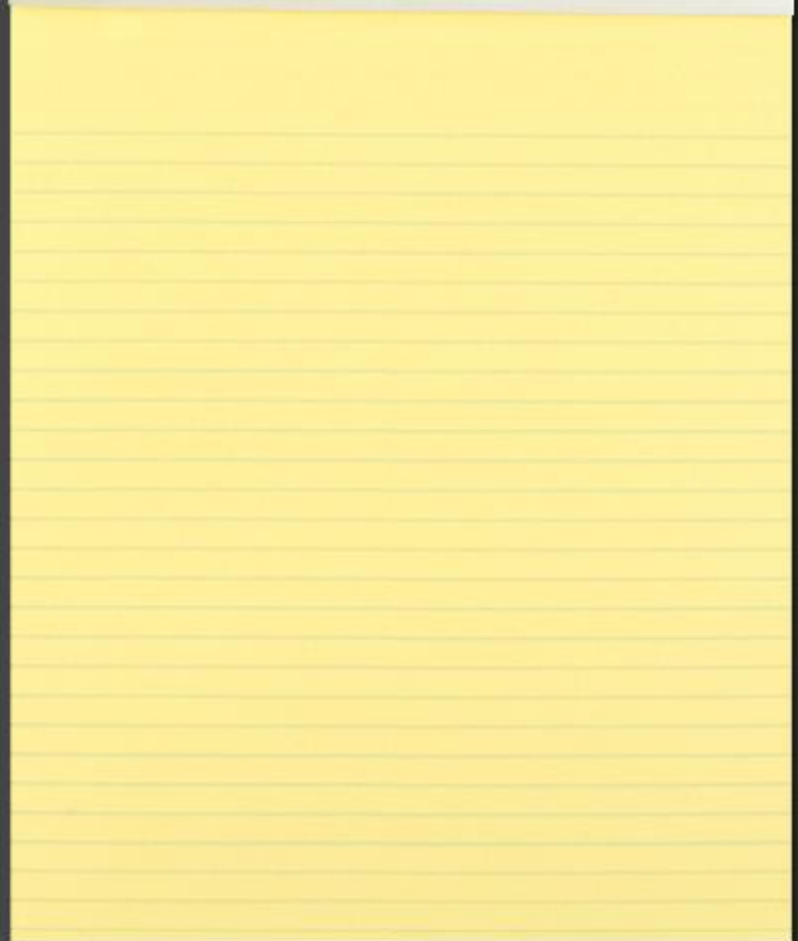
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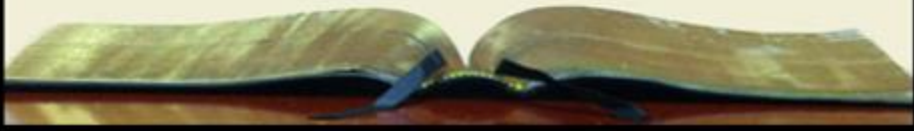


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1) The Lord is my Rock.

He is an sure foundation in an unstable world.

Psalm 62:6

He only *is* my rock and my salvation: *he is* my defence; I shall not be moved.

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2) He is my Fortress.

I dwell in safety behind his walls.

Psalm 4:8

I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep:
for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.

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3) He is my Deliverer.

He has the answer to all my fears.

Psalm 34:4

I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.



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4) He is my God.

He is the Almighty, the only one worthy of adoration.

Psalm 63:1

O God, thou *art* my God;
early will I seek thee:
my soul thirsteth for thee,
my flesh longeth for thee in a
dry and thirsty land,
where no water is;

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5) He is my Strength.

When I am weak, then I am strong.

Psalm 144:1

Blessed *be* the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, *and* my fingers to fight:

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6) He is my Buckler.

He shields me from my head
to toe.

Psalm 91:4

He shall cover thee with his
feathers, and under his wings
shalt thou trust:
his truth *shall be thy* shield
and buckler.

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7) He is my Salvation.

He makes me whole.

Isaiah 12:2

Behold, God *is* my salvation;
I will trust, and not be afraid:
for the LORD JEHOVAH *is* my
strength and *my* song;
he also is become my
salvation.

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8) He is my High Tower.

He is my hiding place.

Proverbs 18:10

The name of the LORD *is* a
strong tower: the righteous
runneth into it, and is safe.

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