

Many people give their word, but we can't rely on what they say. After we get burned a few times, we begin to feel that we can't trust anybody.

David, who wrote Psalm 12, felt the same way. We don't know the specific situations that prompted his words, but he felt surrounded by untrustworthy people. He lamented, "Everyone lies" (v.2 NIV).

Everyone, that is, except God. His words are pure and flawless, like silver that has been through a refiner's fire seven times (v.6). We can believe God. His promises stand. He cannot lie. --DCE

Prayer

*O Lord, even when it seems I can't trust anybody,
I know I can trust You. I believe Your Word. Make my words as pure and
trustworthy as Yours. Amen.*

**God never made a promise that was
too good to be true. --Moody**



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Whom Can We Believe?

The words of the Lord are pure words. --Psalm 12:6

You may have had a co-worker say to you, "I need to borrow some money so I can go out for lunch. I'll pay you back after my next paycheck." But two months and several hints later, you still don't have your money back.

Or maybe a friend has told you, "Thanks for letting me use your car. I'll have it back early enough for you to get to church on time tonight." But you end up waiting and then hurrying into church a half hour late.

Or a husband or wife has said, "I promise, dear, we'll talk about it tonight." But it never happens, and the issue that is harming the marriage keeps growing.





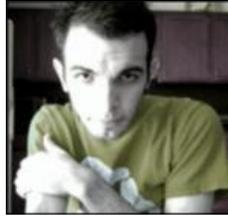
Trusting God

Is God Trustworthy?

(Psalms 9:10) "And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You."

When we find ourselves in the midst of tragic circumstances we basically have two choices:

1. To _____ God and _____ on our _____ resources, Jeremiah 9:1-3, 17-18, 21-23



(Proverbs 11:4) "Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, ..."

(Proverbs 26:12) "Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him."

(Psalms 33:16) "... A mighty man is not delivered by great strength."



2. To _____ to God knowing He _____ be _____, Jeremiah 9:24

(Philippians 3:10) "that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,"



Jeremiah 9:24 gives us four points of trust:

◆ He is _____

(Lamentations 3:37) "Who is he who speaks and it comes to pass, When the Lord has not commanded it?"

◆ His _____

(Lamentations 3:22-23) "Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. {23} They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness."

(Genesis 50:20) "'But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.'"

◆ His _____

(Lamentations 3:33) "For He does not afflict willingly, Nor grieve the children of men."

(Romans 11:33-36) "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How



unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! {34} "For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?" {35} "Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?" {36} For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen."

◆ His _____

(Lamentations 3:32) "Though He causes grief, Yet He will show compassion According to the multitude of His mercies."

(Psalms 78:19-22) "Yes, they spoke against God: They said, "Can God prepare a table in the wilderness? {20} Behold, He struck the rock, So that the waters gushed out, And the streams overflowed. Can He give bread also? Can He provide meat for His people?" {21} Therefore the LORD heard this and was furious; So a fire was kindled against Jacob, And anger also came up against Israel, {22} Because they did not believe in God, And did not trust in His salvation."

(Psalms 32:10) "... he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him."

(Proverbs 3:5-6) "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; {6} In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths."

(John 14:1) "'Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.'"

