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We exercise faith all the time!

- We trust forecasters to get the weather right.
- We trust the pharmacist to fill the prescription correctly.
- And then we trust the medicine prescribed to heal our problem.
- We trust the pilot, plane, and air traffic control for a safe take off, flight and landing.
- We trust elevators to get us to the desired floor and back down.
- We trust the doctor to help us with the needed surgery.
- We trust our military to protect our country.
- We trust our 401k, our pension, our investments or social security to provide for our retirement.
- We trust the boxed or canned food to be edible and not make us sick.
- We trusted the chair we are sitting in to hold up our body weight and not fall.

We trust man on a daily basis. But do we trust God?

Where do we turn in times of financial crisis or any crisis?
Turn to God! Trust in Him alone. View this world and the things of the world with a certain sobriety!

See Psalm 91:1-2

II Thess.3:3 - "The Lord is faithful

Psalms 118:8 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

Psalms 118:9 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

Psalms 125:1 A Song of degrees. They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

V. 1

"Secret place" = hiding place; a place of shelter where an enemy cannot see you.

The same word is used by Jonathon to David (I Sam. 19:2 - But Jonathon Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathon told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself.").

"Shadow" = again, a place where you could not be seen by an enemy (Ps. 17:8-9 - "Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings, From the wicked that oppress me, from my deadly enemies, who compass me about.").

Also, a place of shelter from the heat (Is. 25:4 - "For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.").

V. 1-2

Four names are given to describe God:

1. "The Most High" - The One who is exalted above all that is called "god"' and above every angel or human.

2. "Almighty" - "Shaddai" - the all-sufficient God. The God who nourishes and provides (EX: Gen. 17:1-2 - ElShaddai's promise to Abraham of descendants)

3. "LORD" - (v. 2) - Jehovah ("Yahweh"), the eternal God; the self-existent One; the Great I AM.

4. "God" - "Elohim" - The strong one

V. 2

"Refuge ... fortress" - places of safety, protection, ammunition, etc.

EX: Hymn - "A Shelter in the Time of Storm"

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V. 3

"The snare of the fowler" - the trap of the bird catcher. Our Lord delivers from Satan's traps

The psalmist goes from third person ("He" - v. 1) to first person ("I" "My" - v. 2). Now, after testifying of his own security, to encourage others he goes to second person ("You" - v. 3)

"The noisome pestilence" - the calamitous plague (a natural disaster, EX: a famine, a fatal disease, etc.).

V. 4

Like a hen would gather its chicks under its feathers for protection, so the Lord protects his own (ILLUS: of the burnt [charred] hen).

SEE: Christ's words - Mt. 23:37-39

The shield of faith is the believer's protection against the fiery darts of the wicked (Eph. 6). Why is this shield so effective? it is a faith based on God's truth!

B. Security at all Times (v. 5-6)

Whether in daylight or during the darkest night, the one who trust God will not be fearful.

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Because of Shadrach, Meshech, and Abednego's faith, they found security and deliverance even when thrown into the fiery furnace (Dan. 3); Daniel, in the lion's den (Dan. 6).

V. 7

EX: the conquests of Joshua and God's protection
EX: Christ walking right through the midst of those who wanted to kill Him (Lk. 4:30)

A plague will fall upon Israel's enemies in the future Trib., and in the midst of their destruction, many others will remain unaffected (Zech. 14:12, 15-16).

V. 8

"Only with thine eyes" - God's people would not experience judgment themselves, but would see it happen to the wicked.

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V. 10
EX: the Passover (Ex. 12:12-13, 23, 27-30)

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V. 11-12
Misquoted by Satan (Mt. 4:6).

This promise is not for those who foolishly test God, but for those who inadvertently fall into adversity.

God uses guardian angels to protect His children (Heb. 1:14).

V. 13
"Adder" = cobra snake
"Dragon" = sea serpent

"Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me ..." (Ps. 23)

B. Because you love God (v. 14a)

God says: "Because you have set your love (affection) upon Me, I will deliver you..."

EX: the Philadelphia church was promised protection (Rev. 3:10)

C. Because you know God (v. 14b)

Psalm 9:10 - "And they that know Thy name will put their trust in Thee:

for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek Thee."

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Because God is trustworthy, we have eternal security

"The Lord . . . forsaketh not His saints; they are preserved forever" (Ps. 37:28).

God's salvation comes with an irrevocable promise - Titus 1:2 - "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;" (cp. Heb. 6:12-20).

CONCLUSION: The safest place is in the center of God's will!

> *1 Timothy 6:17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;*

"If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31)