

Trust *(Gina Thomas)*

Trust” is a small word that we frequently use in circumstances both great and small. The whole of human relationship is based on trust. It involves the relationship between continents, countries, states, families, friends etc. The dictionary says to trust is to have confidence or faith in somebody or something. It is also described as hope. But I would like to compare its strength to that of an iron rod since it can hold together two human minds, families, even continents. But it also as slender as a silk thread in that it is easily broken and once broken it can be tied up again but the knot remains. This applies to trust in earthly relationships.

The one I am going to describe here is the trust in God. It is manifested in its fullest sense when all your trust that you had on earth is betrayed. People may promise to stay there for you in times of need. But when things go bad and you feel weak you just can't lean on them because they have already left. It is in this context that David says in Psalms 121 that he will lift his eyes unto the hills. He assures himself that his help will come from the Lord who made the heaven and the earth. God will always help us in our times of weaknesses and will make us strong enough to face any obstacles. Psalms 113:7-9 promises that He will lift the poor out of the dust and needy out of the ash heap and seat him with princes. He will grant the barren woman a house and make her a joyful mother of children.

We need to trust God completely in order to claim the promises that we have in His word. Here I mean giving our whole selves to Him so that He can guide and work on us to make us what He wants us to be. We need a strong conviction that He can do exceeding abundantly above all that we could ever ask for or even think of. But this process of trusting God is not easy. It involves a little bit of pain and frustration to blindly trust Him to lead us the rest of our lives. I am reminded of a song that goes like:

“Shepherd of my soul
I give you full control
Wherever you may lead I will follow
I have made the choice
To listen for your voice
Wherever you may lead I will go
Be it in a quiet pasture
Or by a gentle stream
The Shepherd of my soul is by my side
Should I face a mighty mountain
Or a valley dark and deep
The Shepherd of my soul will be my guide”

The whole song means that you trust him to lead you safely through dark valleys, dangerous cliffs, deep oceans and parched deserts. If we were to lead ourselves we would have chosen to walk through the lush and green pastures. But trust in God means we are giving it all up into His hands to lead us in a way he likes. He might take us though paths that we would not like to travel. But giving our hold to Him and letting Him take control in these difficult paths is how we actually trusting Him. Thus we are claiming our promises. I personally believe that He is faithful enough to grant us the very desires of our heart when we trust in Him as the Bible says in Psalms 37:3-4. Let us learn to trust God and let Him lead the way.