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“Trust Contest”

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart...” (Proverbs 3:5)

The Losers

Genesis 3:1-5 – (1) “Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God really say, You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’ (2) The woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, (3) but God did say, You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’ (4) ‘You will not surely die,’ the serpent said to the woman. (5) ‘For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’” (NIV)

Jeremiah 17:5-6 – (5) “Thus says the LORD: ‘Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. (6) He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.’”

The Winner

Luke 4:1-13 – (1) “And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness (2) for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. (3) The devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.’ (4) And Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’ (5) And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, (6) and said to him, ‘To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. (7) If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.’ (8) And Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.’ (9) And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, (10) for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, (11) and On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’ (12) And Jesus answered him, ‘It is said, You shall not put the Lord your God to the test. (13) And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.’”

Hebrews 2:13 – “And again, ‘I will put my trust in him...’”

Choose Day by Day

Isaiah 30:15 – “This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: **‘In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.’** (NIV)

What Message am I Listening to?

Hebrews 4:7-10 – (7) “Again he appoints a certain day, ‘Today,’ saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, ‘Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.’ (8) For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. (9) So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, (10) for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.”

2 Corinthians 11:3-4 – (3) “But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. (4) For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough.”

Total Reliance Upon Savior’s Truths

Psalms 46:1-11 – (1) “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (2) Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, (3) though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah (4) There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. (5) God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. (6) The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. (7) The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah (8) Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. (9) He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. (10) ‘Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!’ (11) The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.” Selah

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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