

A Fundamental Truth

- *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. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil. 8 It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones.*
Prov 3:5-8

When We Trust with All our Heart

- We accept the fundamental Truth that God knows best and that we must trust Him.
- *And the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, **for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day.** 25 Then it will be righteousness for us, **if we are careful to observe all these commandments before the Lord our God, as He has commanded us.**'
Deut. 6:24-25*
- When we are “*careful to observe*” show trust!

The Essence of Submission: By Faith:

- ... *Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice*
- ... *Noah moved with godly fear prepared*
- ... *Abraham Obeyed*
- ... *Moses refused to be call son of Pharaoh's*
- We are fully convinced that God knows best and that following Him exactly as He revealed truth is our only viable wise option.
- This is what God is seeking in all His servants.
- Are we such a servant?

Must Trust This or walk in Darkness

- *O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps. Jer. 10:23*
- *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. Isa. 55:8-9*

Jesus Confirmed and Demanded

- *Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Jn 8:31-32*
- *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Matt 7:21*
- *And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' Matt 7:23*
- If we don't trust enough to follow the laws and rules we are practicing lawlessness.

Authority: An Obstacle to our Desires

- As children with parents/teachers:
 - 1st Insubordination and outright disobedience
 - Overt behavior too obvious sign of disrespect
- Didn't end desire to evade responsibility.
 - 2nd Willful misunderstanding
 - Easier to mask as disobedience.
 - Even if caught, evade, < serious a punishment.
- All instructions or laws we don't like
 - We misinterpreted to our own liking
 - Then prepare a reasonable explanation.
- This can work with parents/teachers not God

God Sees Through It

● *Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, 11 for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works. 2Jn 9-11*

● When we can't / don't trust He knows it!

Whatever we Change: God Knows

- *“The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat,”*
- *“the woman you gave me” (Gen. 3:13).*
- Aaron told Moses *“I cast it into the fire, and this calf came out” (Ex 32:24).*
- Saul sought to evade the responsibility: *“I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, Samuel showed him the truth. “Why didn’t you obey? Why did you swoop down on the spoil, and do evil in the sight of the Lord?”*

Conflicting Doctrines

- Man Proclaims: “The Bible is not Clear enough to follow.”
- That’s why denominations, sects, and the multitudes of interpretations of Scriptures exist.
- Yet the vast number of conflicting doctrines on salvation, worship, and morality is not a sign that the Bible is not clear in its commands and instructions to man.
- Instead it is an obvious indication that many are seeking to evade responsibility by wilfully misunderstanding the truth.

Jesus Revealed God Sees Through It

- *"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. Mt. 7:13-14*
- *"If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Jn 8:31-32*

Those who Trust and Those who Don't

- *I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. 2Tim. 4:1-5*

A Walk Through History

- Cain & Abel
- Nadab & Abihu
- Moses Striking the Rock
- Saul & the Sacrifice
- Saul & The Amalekites
- David & Uzzah
- Solomon & the many wives
- Jereboam & the golden Calves
- Uzziah and the Offering

Another Walk Through History

- Abel's More excellent sacrifice
- Noah did all God commanded
- Moses faithful in all my house
- David a man after God's own heart
- Served God's purpose in his own generation
- Jeremiah's faithful preaching
- Daniel with the kings food
- Shadrach Meshach and Abednego

Who are We Following

- *6 Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. ... 11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. 1 Cor 10:6,*
- Those who fell because of disobedience
- Joshua and Caleb