

Monday, 16 January 2017

Proverbs 28:25

*A greedy man stirs up strife, but the one who trusts in the LORD will be enriched.*

I think an acceptable paraphrase would be. "A man who does not trust the LORD stirs up strife." Greed, coupled with impatience, drives me to a lack of trust; I am not able under these circumstances to wait on the LORD and the resulting condition is strife.

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Tuesday, 17 January 2017

Proverbs 29:25

*The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe.*

Fear/trust of man's promises always come with a whiff of the hidden snare. Fear/trust in the LORD's promises always come with the sweet incense of His love for His people. The foul miasma of man's greed vs. the pleasant aroma of the LORD's love for us. The choice is mine.

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Wednesday, 18 January 2017

Isaiah 1:19-20

*"If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be eaten by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."*

"Eat the good of the land" Which land? It is not guaranteed that I will eat the good of the United States of America, but it is guaranteed that I will enjoy the fruits of life in the Kingdom of Heaven if I am willing and obedient. A life of Godly contentment where I need not be anxious for anything; where I have the great blessing of knowing each morning as I arise that I am secure in the hands of the LORD, God the Almighty.

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Thursday, 19 January 2017

Isaiah 12:2

*"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."*

I need this verse imprinted on the lens of my eyes so that I view all of life through this precept. There is no event, **NO THING**, that is not covered by this precious promise. The only question is will I trust or will I doubt?

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Friday, 20 January 2017

Isaiah 26:3

*You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.*

"Perfect peace" is the *tertium quid*, the gold standard by which I am able to evaluate the extent to which I trust the LORD, God, the Almighty. No little squiggle of doubt, no wakening in the middle of the night in a cold sweat of fear and desperation. Any uncertainty at any point in this spectrum should drive me to my knees in repentance to seek the LORD's assurance of His trustworthiness.

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Saturday, 21 January 2017

Isaiah 26:4

*Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.*

There was an insurance company many years ago that advertised that they were as permanent as the Rock of Gibraltar. (Maybe they still do) But even that Rock is not an Everlasting Rock.

This Everlasting Rock is harder, more brilliant than any diamond. I find it beyond my comprehension to grasp

an infinity large, infinitely brilliant, infinitely iridescent  
Being that says, "Trust Me, I will never leave you or  
forsake you,"

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Lord's Day, 22 January 2017  
Psalm 119:104

*Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate  
every false way.*

As I grow in understanding through study and  
meditation upon Your Word, one of the results is  
growth in my awareness of evil and its consequences.  
I develop in my hatred of evil, in my unwillingness to  
tolerate evil, in my revulsion of evil and in my  
compulsion to shine the light of Your Word in those  
dark places. I must continue to hide Your Word in my  
heart.

# VOICES TOGETHER

*Daily Meditations from the Scriptures*



*January 16-22, 2017*

I was dealing with a very difficult and perplexing problem in the spring of 1989 and tackling it by trying to learn everything I could on the subject. One evening, as I continued my studies, God told me very clearly that the root of the problem was that I did not know Him. I put down the book I was reading and picked up a Bible figuring that was where I was going to find Him. That began what has been an ongoing search to know, really know in a John 17:3 way, the LORD, God, the Almighty.\*

Voices Together has and continues to be, a very important part of that search. It is extracted from my daily meditations and is shared in the hope that others will be encouraged to turn to the Scriptures as a rich source of guidance for prayer and meditation.

It is published daily on the website of the Fellowship of Ailbe, [www.ailbe.org](http://www.ailbe.org); along with material by other writers to encourage and assist in our walks as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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\*LORD or LORD, God the Almighty always refers to the Trinitarian God.