

# GOD

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Trust Him

Trust the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
With those things that you don't understand or  
That are out of your control.

When you are worried about tomorrow

God is not worried! He knows what will happen— if you will trust Him.

If you will let the Son, Jesus Christ, be in control of your life!

For Jesus guides and protects those who belong to Him,  
Who choose to believe His promises are true. His love never fails,  
He is not worried about tomorrow.

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# The Knowledge of the Holy

Acts 2:28: Thus Jesus made known to me the ways of life; thus shall  
make me full of joy with thy resurrection.

He means, that he was restored from death to life by the grace of  
God. For in that he was, as it were, a man raised from death to life, he  
acknowledges that it was a great & good gift of God. This was fulfilled  
in Christ, that they lacked nothing to perfection. Therefore Christ was  
far from corruption, that he may be the first fruits of those which rise  
from death. (1Cor. 15:23.) He shall follow him in our sin our time, but  
being first termed into death,

1Corinthians 15:42: So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown  
in corruption; it is raised in incorruption.

That which follows, was filled with gladness, with the sight of God's  
face: show us thy face, and we shall be safe. And, again, The light of  
the countenance is revealed to us, thus have put gladness in my heart  
for it is only the pleasantness of God's countenance, which does not  
only make us glad, but also gives us life from the dead.

That his death and sufferings should be, not to Christ only, but to all  
his children, an inlet to a life-long immortality: Thus has made known  
to me the ways of life, and by me made them known to the world.

Thus the Father gave to the Son to have life in himself, a power to lay  
down his life, and to take it again, thus he showed him the way of life.

That all his sorrow and sufferings should end in perfect and  
perpetual happiness: Thus shall make me full of joy with thy  
countenance, that is in his presence, and to all these, for his sake, we  
should believe in him.

Thus makes with which the Father received him, when, at his  
ascension, he was brought to the Ascension of days, filled him with joy  
irresponsible, and that is the joy of our Lord, into which all of those  
which to his shall enter, and in which they shall be for ever happy.

So you have this sure and blessed expectation that you will rise from  
the grave, with a glorified body, clothed in pure white, which is the  
righteousness of those made saints by the power of God.

## AN EXAMPLE FROM AN OLD TESTAMENT PROPHET

Acts 2:29: Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto  
you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and  
buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

The apostle now calls the Jews brethren, whom he before  
only styled men of Judaea, and men of Israel, because they  
were and are his brethren according to the flesh, as many  
of them afterwards were in a spiritual relation.

Thus he adds this affectionate appellation to soften their  
hearts, and prepare them to receive the account he was  
about to give of David, and of his prophecy of the  
Messiah, and his resurrection, in which he used much  
freedom of speech, consistent with truth, good sense, and  
strong reasoning, which he thought might be more  
pleasing to the Jews in his discourse to them.

The patriarch David who was a "head of the fathers", a  
prince of the tribes of Israel, one of the greatest  
kings the tribes of Israel ever had, and therefore  
this name will become him, though it is more  
commonly given to Abraham,  
Isaac, and Jacob, and the heads of  
the twelve tribes.

## THE DESTINY COMMON TO ALL MEN

that he is both dead, and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto  
this day.

The sure evidence, a plain case, and a certain matter of fact, which  
nobody disputes or denies, that David really died, and was laid in the  
grave, and that his monument, or tomb, was still visible at this time,  
so that he was not risen from the dead, because Christ Jesus is the  
first fruits of the dead to rise into heaven.

Therefore the above citation could not be referring to David, but  
another, even the Messiah, and has been literally fulfilled in the Lord  
Jesus Christ.

It is an interesting point, that the Jews say that David died on the day  
of Pentecost, which was the very day on which Peter was now  
preaching, he was buried in Jerusalem, and his sepulchred  
monument was visible when Peter said these words, which may  
serve to render credibility to what Peter says concerning the  
continuity to that day.

# GOD SPEAKING TO THE PROPHETS

Acts 2:30: Therefore being a prophet and knowing that  
God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of  
his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up  
Christ to sit on his throne;

God is telling those who read this scripture that David  
could foresee things to come, by the inspiration of the  
Holy Spirit revealing into him these words, which has  
come since the Apostle John closed the canon of  
scripture at the end of Revelation.

David spoke also of many things concerning the  
sufferings and death of Christ, and the circumstances  
attending it, concerning his resurrection, ascension, and  
intercession at the right hand of God.

So David in his Psalm 132:11 "The LORD hath sworn in  
truth unto David; he will not turn from it: Of the fruit of  
thy body will I set upon thy throne. v.12: If thy children  
will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall  
teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne  
for evermore."

David is King of all the nation of Israel, and knowing  
that God had sworn with an oath to him, as he did in the  
above Psalm, that one of the fruit of his loins, should be  
King of Israel for evermore.

According to the flesh, he would raise up Christ,  
according to his human nature, for this phrase speaks of  
his incarnation or revelation in a glorified body.

## VISIONS OF THE FUTURE

Acts 2:31: He seeing this before spoke of the resurrection of Christ,  
that his soul (body) was not left in hell, (the grave, the place of the  
dead) neither his flesh did see corruption.

Or by the prophecy foretelling that according to God's  
promise and oath, the Messiah would be raised up, and spring from  
David's seed and also by the same Spirit foretelling that he would suffer  
and die, and be laid in the grave, which is normally the pit of  
corruption. David spoke of the resurrection of Christ from the dead,  
which is also spoken of in the following words in Psalm 16:10.

## THE PROMISE OF GOD, NEVER TO BE BROKEN

Psalm 16:10: For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou  
suffer (to allow or give) thine Holy One to see corruption.

This we know by many infallible proofs that Christ's dead body was  
not left in the grave, nor thine Holy One (body of a Christ,) to corrupt  
in the grave, for he rose on the third day, and was seen of many.

## THE MAN CHRIST JESUS

Acts 2:32: This Jesus hath God raised up,

It was professed that the Messiah would rise, now Peter affirms that  
such a resurrection occurred in the case of Jesus. It was a matter of  
prophecy fulfilled; all opposition to the truth of the doctrine was  
taken away, and the only question was whether there was evidence  
that this had been done. The proof of this Peter now alleges, and  
offers his own testimony, and that of his brethren, to the truth of  
this great and glorious fact.

## THERE ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH WITNESSES

whom we all are witnesses.

It seems probable that Peter refers here to the whole 120 who were  
present, and who were ready to attest it in any place or manner,  
the matter which was to be proved was that Jesus was seen alive after he  
had been put to death.

The apostles were appointed to bear witness of this. We are told by  
Paul in 2Corinthians 13:1 that he was seen by more than five hundred  
brethren, (that is, Christians,) at one time.

The 120 assembled on this occasion were doubtless part of the  
number, and were ready to attest this. This was the proof that Peter  
alleges, and the strength of this proof was, irrefragable:

They had seen him themselves. There was no reason for  
suspicion or doubt about it, they had the first hand evidence on  
which people act every day, and which must be regarded as  
satisfactory first person evidence of their own God-given senses.

The number was such they could not be imposed on, if 120  
persons could not prove a plain matter of fact, nothing could be  
established by testimony, for God only requires two or three  
witnesses to establish a fact, otherwise there could be no way of  
arriving at any conclusion.

The thing to be established was a plain matter; it was not that they  
"saw him rise." (That they never proceeded,) impostors would have  
done this, but it was that they touched, saw, talked, walked, ate, and  
drank with him, being alive, after he had been crucified. The fact of  
his death was a matter of Jewish record, and no-one called it in  
question. The only fact for Christianity to understand was that he was  
seen alive afterwards, and this was attested by many witnesses.

They had no reason in deceiving the world in this thing. There was no  
prospect of pleasure, wealth, or honor in doing it.

They offered themselves now as ready to endure any  
sufferings, or to die, in attestation of the truth of this event.

## THE PROOF OF CHRIST'S WORD

John 10:17: Therefore both my Father love  
me, because I lay down my life, that I might  
take it again.

v.18: No man taketh it from me, but I lay it  
down of myself; I have power to lay it  
down, and I have power take it again. This  
commandment have I received of my  
Father.

## exalted to the right hand of G O D

## THE HIGHEST PLACE OF AUTHORITY AND POWER

Act 2:33: Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted,  
after his resurrection he ascended to heaven, and was seated in  
heaven nature "to the right hand of God", an honour that never was  
conferred on any creature; angels or men, moreover, he was  
exalted and raised to this high honour and dignity of a Prince and  
Saviour, a Lord, Head, and King of his church, so as to have a name,  
dominion, above all, and authority over all, by the mighty power of  
God, which is called his right hand.

Psalm 118:15: The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles  
of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

v.18: The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand  
of the LORD doeth valiantly.

See how Peter builds up his argument with clear and  
persuasive reasoning from the foundation of scripture:

The Lord Jesus Christ is now Constituted King, and Messiah in heaven,  
Raised up from his condition of humiliation to the glory which he had  
with the Father before the world was.

John 17:5: And now, O Father, glorify thou me with those men with whom  
the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

# God's Promises Are Yea and Amen!

## THE PROMISES OF GOD ARE YEA AND AMEN

and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he  
has said unto you, which ye now see and hear.

Which the Father had promised in the Old Testament to give forth in  
the law unto us.

Isaiah 55:1: which the Father had promised to give, both in the law  
and

Which Christ had had also promised to send from the Father,  
John 14:16: And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another  
Comforter, that he may abide with you forever.

Which, upon the ascension and exaltation, he received as  
Mediator from God.

Psalm 104:24: Thus God exalted us high, thus have led captivity  
captives: when the LORD God might doeth nothing in vain,  
God hath distributed unto the high ones, words, and acts of his, which  
he distributed unto every place, and abundance, and the glory of his  
Christ in the distribution of them, which Peter now adds.

## THE TWO MOST USED SENSES

Which ye now see and hear.

Meaning the eleven tongues, as of fire, which they saw sitting on the  
disciples, and the various languages which they heard them speak, the  
hearing ear, and the seeing eye are the most used of our five senses,  
plus the conviction of the Holy Spirit, these were the evidences that  
the Lord God is what he claims to be, and will be doing greater things  
which gave the people an exciting expectation of great things to come.

We are living in the last of the last days before the return of the Lord  
Jesus Christ. Are you living in great expectation? Are you ready to be  
brought to the great judgment of the flesh, to watch them in joy, those  
in and the grave, to receive the perishing from the second death which  
is the fiery pit of the tormented. For Hell is not a place of redemption  
as is made very clear in.

Luke 16:22: And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried  
by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was  
buried. v.23: And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and  
seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

v.24: And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and  
send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool  
my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

v.25: But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime  
receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now  
he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

But even a drop of water can never moist in the Flames of Hell that this  
man is expecting Abraham to do his bidding which is something that  
can't be done, there is no change in the torment, no reform of  
character seen; the rich man can't help himself, nor will Abraham, nor  
anyone else, at his own request, comforted, and forgive while he was  
alive on earth, it is in his name, this man's sin remains, so does the  
punishment for eternity.

## AS A MAN DIES SO HE REMAINS

This is a statement from God, and cannot be denied, or explained  
away, as a man dies so he remains.

Eccl. 9:10: If the dead be raised up, they will  
commend themselves upon the earth, and if the love fall toward the earth, or  
toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, (in death,) there  
it shall be.

Rev 22:14: And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy  
of this book, for the time is at hand.

Rev 22:13: He that is unjust, let him be unjust still, and he which is  
 filthy, let him be filthy still, and he that is righteous, let him be  
righteous still, and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

AMEN!

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