

SCRIPTURE: Psalms 34: 27; 40: 31;  
26: 1-30.  
DEVOTIONAL READING: Isaiah  
26: 1-30.

### God Can Be Trusted

Lesson for July 31, 1949

EVEN if you do nothing else with this lesson, it will be a good thing to learn by heart some of the Psalms of Trust which have been selected for your study this week. They are far too rich to be treated in one column.

#### Who Can Trust in God?

PSALM 34:16-22.) Not every one has a right to trust in God. Those who do not believe in him, do not love him, work against him, try to break down and corrupt those who do believe in him — these need expect nothing at his hand. But there are three classes of persons who are encouraged to put their trust in God. One is the "contrite," the repentant, those who sincerely wish to be cut free from their sins—these can surely trust in God for forgiveness. One who cannot trust God for forgiveness has no right to trust him for anything else. Then the "righteous," as the Psalmist calls them, have a right to trust in God.

If that word means only the perfectly and altogether good people, it would leave all of us out. But in the light of the Bible as a whole, the righteous are those whose dominant desire is to love and serve God.

Their service is imperfect, their love is far from perfect, and no man is without sin. But if you can say with Peter, "Lord, thou knowest that I love thee," then you have a right to trust in God. Also the broken-hearted can safely trust in him. Whoever else may break your heart, God will not. He is the great Mender of hearts. For the little sorrows there may be lesser comforts; but the real heart-breaks only God can cure.

#### Why Trust God?

PSALM 37 gives one answer: The opposite of trust is worry, and worry never did any good at all. Worry eats into the mind, casts no light, gives no strength, solves no problems, worry makes any trouble worse. Then the writer of Psalm 34 gives another reason for trust: he had tried it. If trust in God were simply a doctrine of theology or a theory of preachers, not many people would take it seriously.

Trust is really passed on by a kind of contagion from heart to heart. If there are not more people who know what trust means, it is because those who have known have kept it too much to themselves.

It would be a wonderful stimulus to most churches to have a little "cell" of people who would really agree to trust God every day.

#### When to Trust in God

ONE of Dickens' famous characters used to make a great point of being cheerful under the most un-cheerful circumstances. Anybody can be jolly when everything is lovely, he said. There's no credit in not worrying when there's nothing to worry about. Although the writers of the Bible, one and all, trusted in God, not one had an easy life. Read Psalm 45, for example; it gives a picture of a world much like ours of today, shaken to its foundations, torn by wars, a desolate, discouraged world. If it made sense to trust only under bright skies, religion would have perished long ago.

#### For What Shall We Trust God?

NO ONE PSALM puts the whole truth in one nutshell. If you read Psalm 91, for example, by itself, it would seem to prove that if you trust in God you will never die a violent death, nor an early one; but too many saints (and indeed our Lord himself) had died early and violent deaths, for us to take Psalm 91 in that way. Trusting in God does not mean he will give us long life. It means he will give us strength to match our days.

It does mean he will give us all we need. It does not mean we shall be shielded from troubles. It does mean he will save us from troubles greater than we can bear. It does not mean that in this life we shall be wholly free from burdens or from pain; it does mean we shall have strength in our souls (Ps. 138:3).

Which is the greater thing—to be a weakling worried by a straw's weight, or to be one of God's athletes, able to bear the worst the world can pile on?

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### RURAL CHURCHES

Winchester and St. Paul  
U. B. Circuit  
Dale Osborn, pastor  
St. Paul  
Preaching 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday school 10:15 a.m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 8 p.m.

Winchester  
Sunday school 9:30 a.m.  
Class meeting 10:30 a.m.  
Preaching 7:30 p.m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 8 p.m.

Antioch United Missionary  
L. W. Null, pastor  
John Arnold, supt.  
Sunday school 9:30.  
Morning worship 10:30.  
Evening service 7:30.  
Bible study Wed., 8:00.  
God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
Psalm 46:1.  
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The Linn Grove  
Christian Church  
Homer Studebaker, minister  
Lester Reynolds, superintendent  
Sunday school 9:30.  
Worship service 10:30.  
Special speaker and readings by L. J. Montague.

Methodist Circuit  
Walter Johnson, pastor  
Mt. Tabor  
Sunday school 9:30 a.m.  
Morning worship 10:45 a.m.  
Mt. Pleasant  
Morning worship 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday school 10:45 a.m.

Monroe Methodist  
W. L. Hall, minister  
9:30, morning worship.  
10:30, Sunday school.  
6:45, Methodist Youth Fellowship.  
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10:30 a.m. preaching service followed by communion.  
Attending the Wren camp in the evening.  
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

Pleasant Grove  
9:30 a.m. Sunday school.  
10:30 a.m. Class meeting.  
2:30 p.m. Re-dedication service, sermon by Bishop W. E. Musgrave.  
7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor.  
8:00 p.m. Preaching service.  
Mt. Victory  
9:30 a.m. Sunday school.  
10:30 a.m. class meeting.  
7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor.  
8:00 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

Calvary Evangelical  
United Brethren  
Albert N. Straley, pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 A. M. under the direction of Lloyd Lichtenberger, superintendent. Morning worship service at 10:30 will be in charge of the pastor. The subject for the morning will be "First Things First."  
Daily vacation Bible school will be held at the church this week, August 1-5. There will be classes for beginners, primary and junior boys and girls. Classes will be in charge of competent teachers from the Church. If your boy and girl are not registered bring them

Monday morning and register for the week. The closing program for the school is planned for Sunday evening, August 7.

Union Chapel  
Evangelical United Brethren  
L. T. Norris, pastor  
9:30 Sunday School, Thurman Drew, Supt.  
10:15 Worship service.  
Evening Service  
6:45 Junior C. E. Mrs. Carl Hurst leader.  
6:45 Adult C. E. Nile Williamson, Pres.  
6:45 Youth Fellowship, Janet Brown, pres.  
7:30 Worship Service.  
Wednesday Evening  
8:00 Prayer service, Oliver Merri-men, leader.

Sunday, August 7th at 2 p. m. we will have our anniversary service at the church with the pastor as the speaker. A fine dinner will be served in the basement by the ladies aid at 12:00 noon. We invite you all to come and join us for a great day in the Lord.

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AUG. 6—Marlin Reppert, 2½ mile North of Preble, Ind. Well improved 80 acre farm. Midwest Realty Auction Co., J. F. Sanmann, Auctioneer.  
AUG. 13—Mr. and Mrs. L. Yarman, 3 mi. N. of Centerville, Mich. to covered bridge, then ½ mi. E. 166 acre farm with river frontage and cottages. Sale conducted by the Kent Realty & Auction Co., Decatur, Ind.  
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Included in the speaker's subjects will be: "Does it matter what I believe?" "Man's extremity is God's opportunity." "The church today and tomorrow." "The incentive of love." "Goodness is not enough." "Unconditional surrender." "Do we need church fellowship?" "Why seek salvation." "Faith is the victory." "Why seek the living among the dead." "For such a time as this." "Stewards of the Cross." "Stewards of life." "The privilege of stewardship." "The cost of busyness." The public is invited to attend.

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Nathan said profits, productivity, and return on investment had increased much faster than worker income during the last 10 years. His report said profits of 19 big basic steel companies in 1948 were nearly five times their 1939 profits. It said the industry's profits after taxes rose from \$131,000,000 in 1939 to \$624,000,000 in 1948.

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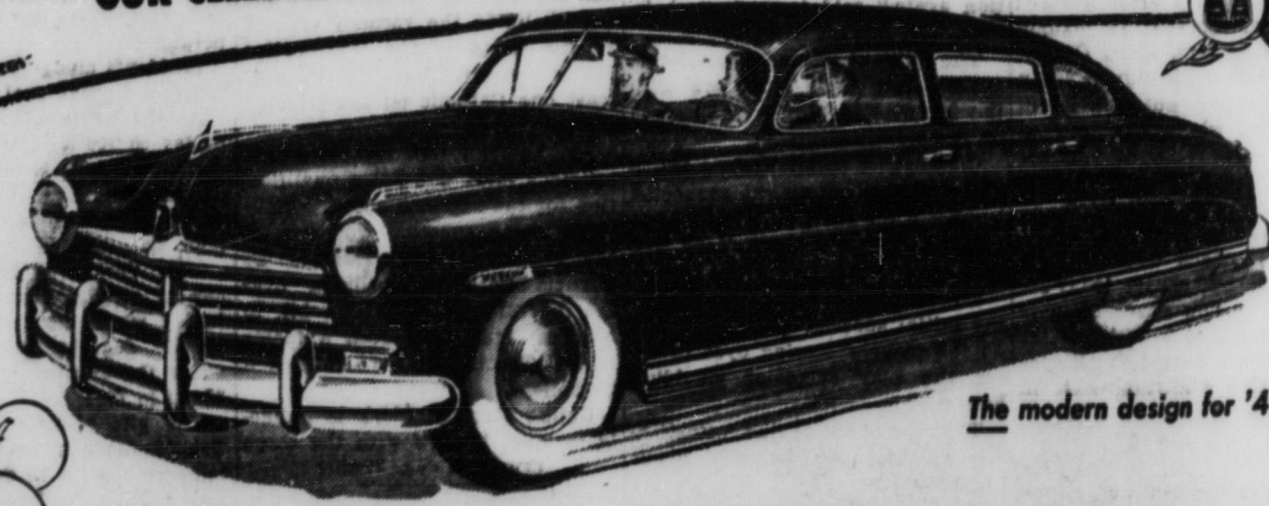
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