

## Can You Trust God? Psalm 56

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Our daily living is often motivated by giving and receiving based on what is due. Whether it's receiving a paycheck, buying groceries, inviting people over for a meal, giving advice... our motivation is influenced by what we may get in return or if it's our turn to respond. And we like it this way. When our actions are part of the equation, we feel we have some influence or means of control. Also by other's actions, we have a gauge by which we measure our response back to them or how far we feel we need to extend ourselves on their behalf.

When life throws us a curve ball or our plans are interrupted or worse, become inadequate, we ask "Who do I trust?" We turn to those that have come through for us before or whose credentials suggest ability and we listen, considers all options, and start working on the problems.

Sadly, often it's only when we have come to the end of our own abilities, the help we have looked for has failed, or we are over whelmed by the issues of life, that we ask the question "Who can I trust?" We no longer have a sense of control and our world is so fluid that we become unsure of even the smallest things.

This is where the psalmist was in Ps. 56. Life was not working and he knew all his efforts would not be enough; in fact they would make things worse. In his trouble, he turned to the foundation of truth he had learned during better times, his trust in God. His response was not "You owe me!" or a last ditch attempt to survive, but a settled comfort that was built on the very nature and character of God. As a child of God, he could trust God because he had learned three important truths about God.

1. God is perfect in Love – He desires what is best for me
  - a. His love is based on his character (1 John 4:8, Ps 145)
  - b. His love is based on His choice (Romans 5:8)
  - c. His love is consistent (Romans 8:35, 37)
  
2. God is perfect in Wisdom – He knows what is best for me
  - a. His wisdom is comprehensive (Romans 11:33-36)
  - b. His wisdom is beyond our understanding (Is. 55:8-9)
  - c. He is not accountable to us (Is. 46:10)
  
3. God is Sovereign – He is able to do what is best for me
  - a. He created everything (Gen. 1:1, Ps. 33:6, Is. 42:5)
  - b. He sustains everything (Heb. 1:3, Col. 1:17, Is. 40:26, Ps. 147)
  - c. He controls everything (Proverbs 16:9, 19:21, 21:30, Eccl. 7:13, Lam. 3:37)
  - d. He does as he pleases (Job 42:2, Ps. 115:3, Is. 14:27, 43:13, 46:10, Dan. 4:35, Eph. 1:11)

Such a bare unqualified statement of the sovereignty of God would terrify us if that was all we knew about Him. But along with his sovereignty, he is also perfect in love and wisdom. Our response can be like that of David's in the Psalm.

1. We can trust him for our salvation from the judgment of our sin (1 John 1:9)
2. We can obey his word with confidence
3. We can relax and experience peace in all things

Conclusion:

God is trust worthy. Not because of our granting him that position or authority, but because of His very nature. But the real question is "Will we trust God?" Listen to the council of the psalmist:

**Psalm 34:8**

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!