

I. Introduction

II. If You Trust in Mankind, You Will be Cursed. v. 5-6 11:3 Gen. 3:14,17 Same word: Eden

**A. Don't Rely Upon the Flesh. v. 5**

- 1. Israel was Inclined to Trust Men. 2:14-19 46:25**
  - a. She claimed to hope in God.
  - b. Yet She was resorting to her own devices. 5:31
  - c. She trusted false prophets. 7:4,8
  - d. She sought help from foreign alliances. Isa. 31:1-3 Ezek. 29:16 II Kn. 24:1
  - e. She forgot God's great deeds of the past, despised God's gracious promises and ignored His threats.
- 2. Man in All of His Power and Glory is but Frail Flesh. v. 5a**
- 3. When You Trust Mankind, your Heart is Turned Away from the Lord. v. 5b**  
**2:13 5:23 3:2,6-10 2:20**
  - a. He alone is to be the arm of your strength. 27:5 32:17 Isa. 33:2
  - b. Trust in anyone or anything else is nothing less than idolatry (spiritual adultery)
  - c. You violate the greatest commandment. Dt. 6:5

**B. If You Do, Your Life will Wither Away. v. 6**

- 1. You will be Desolate and Hopeless.**
- 2. Such was the Condition of Israel as Jeremiah Wrote: Under God's Curse: Exile.**  
8:13 11:16 1:15 25:9 Dt. 28:15ff 29:22-23 Ezek. 17:8-10 19:10-13
- 3. Such is the Condition of All Humanity Apart from Divine Grace.** Ps. 129:6

**C. Application: Like Israel, the Church is Inclined to Unfaithfulness to God.**

- 1. Don't Entrust Yourself to People in the World!**
  - a. Government leaders/military power. Ps. 146:3-5 44:6 20:7 Dt. 28:52 Isa. 31:1-2
  - b. Employers and Doctors.
- 2. Don't Wrongfully Entrust Yourself to Others in Relationships.**
  - a. Family. Ps. 27:10 Is. 49:15
  - b. Friendship. Pr. 25:19
  - c. Co-dependency (*co-idolatry*):
- 3. Don't Entrust Your Spiritual Life to Frail Men.**
  - a. Christian Leaders. Gal. 2:11ff
  - b. The Church itself has become Reliant Upon Worldly Methodologies (management, marketing, psychology) denying the sufficiency of Scripture. II Tim. 3:16-17
- 4. Don't Trust Yourself.** Pr. 28:26
  - a. Self righteousness/Religion.. 7:4,14 12:2 Ezek. 33:13 Rom. 3:20
  - b. Money, Education, Skills, Wisdom. 48:7 Pr. 11:28
- 5. Questions**
  - a. Is there any sense in which you should be self reliant?
  - b. Is there any sense in which you are to trust others? Pr. 31:11
- 6. Summary: If You Rely Upon Man, You Will be Cursed!**  
**Does Your Life had a Wooden Roof?**

### III. Trust God and You Will be Blessed. v. 7-8

#### **A. Will You Entrust Yourself to the LORD. v. 7 Ps. 31:24**

- 1. Hope in God Alone.** Pr. 3:5-6 Isa. 26:3-4
  - a. Repent of all other hopes. John 15:5
  - b. Acknowledge Him in everything you do.
  - c. Entrust yourself by following His Word. Pr. 16:20
  - d. The Issue is not Mere Outward Works or Ceremony, but Your Heart!
- 2. God Alone is Trustworthy.** Ps. 27:3 118:8-9 40:4 62:5-6 22:5 Isa. 50:10 Pr. 14:26

#### **B. You Will Flourish. Ps. 52:8 1:3 92:13-14**

- 1. Your Security will be Unshakeable.** Ps. 34:8 Isa. 44:4. Phil. 1:6 Ezek. 47:12
- 2. When Hard Times Come, You will Endure.** II Cor. 4:8-11,16-18
  - a. There is no promise that those who trust God will avoid trials. 14:1 42:16,
  - b. The believer lives above circumstances.
  - c. These trials are used by God to strengthen you. Heb. 12:6-11 Rom. 5:3-4
  - d. The remnant will take root and be renewed. Isa. 37:31
- 3. You Will Flourish: Continually Bearing Fruit Unto the Glory of God.** John 15:5

#### **C. Application: Whom are You Trusting?**

- 1. Are You Controlled by Circumstances?**
- 2. Or is Your Trust in the Lord?**
- 3. Depression is not Caused by Circumstances, but Failure to Trust Christ.**

### IV. Concluding Application: You Must Choose Whom You Will Trust. v. 9-10

#### **A. Why Would Anyone Be so Foolish as to Trust Man Instead of God? v. 9**

- 1. Your Problem is a Heart Problem.** Pr. 4:23
- 2. Your Heart is Utterly Sinful: Totally Depraved.** Rom. 8:7-8
- 3. Your Heart is Deceitful.** Isa. 5:20
  - a. The worst deceit is the deceit of self-righteousness. .
  - b. You may think that you are trusting in God when really you are not.
- 4. You Cannot Cure Your Own Heart Condition.** 13:23 15:18 30:12
- 5. You need Regeneration, not Mere Outward Reform!** Titus. 3:5 John 3:5f

#### **B. God Knows Your Heart. v. 10 Ps. 139:1,23 44:21**

- 1. Your Sin Cannot be Hidden from Him.** v. 10a
- 2. He Tests your Motives.** 11:20 20:12 Pr. 17:3
- 3. He Will Bring Judgement Upon You.** 32:19

#### **C. God Alone Can Change Your Heart. Jer. 31:31-34**

- 1. Confess Your Desperate Condition.**
- 2. Ask Him to Heal You.** v. 14

#### **D. A Clear Choice.**

- 1. You are without Excuse.**

**2. God Invites You to Himself.** 3:12ff Isa. 30:18.