Benefits of Trust

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Sermon Outline

A. Trust Him (vs. 7):

1. **Blessed** – God’s favor on a person’s life leads to prosperity, happiness, and a deeper reverence for God.
2. **Is the man** - God’s generosity on a person’s life is timeless when a person trust God because God is ever present.
3. **Trust** – We must live with the confident expectation that no matter what is taking place in our lives we can rest assured that God would not allow ‘the rug to be pulled out from under us.’
4. **Trust** - There are two different Hebrew words for trust. To trust is to have complete confidence in God because we are assured that He would protect us from danger and keep us safe. This attitude produces daily peace in a believers’ life.

   a) Judah had been turning to false gods and foreign alliances for protection, but God indicated that a person who trusts in man for protection is cursed because his heart has turned away from God. Instead of prospering, he will wither away like a desert bush. God would make him as unfruitful as the barren salt land around the Dead Sea, unable to support life.

   - **Psalms 146:3-4**; “Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.”
   - **Psalms 37:3-4**; “Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.” NIV
   - **Galatians 6:9-10**; “Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.” (NASU)

5. **In the Lord** – Our trust rest in the Lord who has all authority and power and rewards those who trust Him.

B. Experience God’s Goodness (vs. 8):

1. **He will be; To be** – What God does for the person who trust Him is endless.
2. **Planted** – God firmly establishes a person He has blessed.

   a) A tree planted by a desert oasis or spring would have a continual water source. Trusting in Yahweh is likened to being continually connected to a source of life-giving water (see v. 13). Compare Psalm 1:3.\[2\]

3. **By water** – The person God blesses always has nourishment accessible to them.

4. **Extends; Sent** – Because the blessed person trust God they endlessly extend themselves to the point of stretching their minds to understand what God wants them to do while constantly adjusting their lives to function under God’s authority (Psalm 1:1-3).

5. **Stream** – God sustains these believers with a constant flowing, refreshing stream. It is not a pond or just water. It is a stream.

6. **Will not fear** - A righteous person can suffer terribly (Psalm 34:17-19) but their trust in God protects them from becoming terrified, dominated by fear. Because of the Lord’s sustenance those who trust in God have no reason to shrink back from trials.

   a) No fear or no anxiety because of the underground stream which takes care of dough constantly nourishing the person so that they always bear fruit.

7. **When the heat comes** – This is not heat that may come; it is certainly going to come. This process is purposeful (1 Peter 1:6-9). It is not an accident.

8. **Its leaves will be green** – The person who trust God is not negatively affected by the heat because they are constantly, endlessly reaching for the nourishment and development of the Holy Spirit (water relates to the Holy Spirit – John 3:4-5; Ezekiel 25-28; Eph. 5:26) who is like a stream keeping them fresh each day.

9. **Not be anxious** - The constant heat would not drive a trusting believer to fear.

10. **Drought** – A trusting believer will not fear when it seems like God has forsaken them. They would extend their roots more demonstrating that they are truly dependent on Him.

11. **Nor cease to yield fruit** – The believers deep commitment to God never changes or diminishes because it is sustained by the faithful supply of God’s blessings.

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