

God is Still on His Throne

A Study of Trust

- Sennacherib's account of the invasion of Judah, as given on the Taylor prism: "Because Hezekiah, king of Judah, would not submit to my yoke, I came up against him, and by force of arms and by the might of my power I took 46 of his strong fenced cities; and of the smaller towns which were scattered about, I took and plundered a countless number. From these places I took and carried off 200,156 persons, old and young, male and female, together with horses and mules, donkeys and camels, oxen and sheep, a countless multitude; and Hezekiah himself I shut up in Jerusalem, his capital city, like a bird in a cage, building towers round the city to hem him in, and raising banks of earth against the gates, so as to prevent escape... Then upon Hezekiah there fell the fear of the power of my arms, and he sent out to me the chiefs and the elders of Jerusalem with 30 talents of gold and 300 talents of silver, and diverse treasures, a rich and immense plunder... All these things were brought to me at Nineveh, the seat of my government."

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- God's version of the same events... the rest of the story
 - 2Kings 18:13-14, 19:15-20; 2Chron. 32:10-15
 - Isa. 37:28-29; 2Kings 19:31-37; 2Chron. 32:20-21

It Is Better To Trust In The Lord Than To Trust In Man

- No matter how good a man is, he cannot be compared with God.
 - Psalms 118:8-9 - “It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in man. 9 It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in princes.”
 - Jer. 17:5 - “Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength...”

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- God cannot change, but men are subject to change
 - Heb. 13:8 - “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”
 - Mal. 3:6 - “For I am the LORD, I do not change”

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- God cannot lie, but men lie often
 - Num. 23:19 - “God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?”
 - Heb. 6:18 - “that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation”

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- God cannot fail, but men fail with regularity
 - Rom. 4:21 - “being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.”
 - Psalm 115:3 - “But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases.”
 - Luke 1:37 - “For with God nothing will be impossible.”

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- God is faithful, but most men are unfaithful
 - Heb. 11:11 - “By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.”
 - Heb. 10:23 - “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.”

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- God finishes His works, but men often abandon theirs
 - Isa. 40:28 - “Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary.”
 - Heb. 12:2 - “looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

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- God is omniscient, but man is very limited in knowledge and foresight
 - Heb. 4:13 - “And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.”
 - 1John 3:20 - “For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.”

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- God cannot forget His promises, but men easily forget their promises
 - Isa. 49:15-16 - “Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, Yet I will not forget you. 16 See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands”
 - Gen. 18:14 - “Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.”
 - Ex. 2:24 - “God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.”

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- God will never betray our trust, but men often do
 - Heb. 13:5 - “...For He Himself has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you.”
 - Joshua 1:5 - “No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.”
 - 1Chron. 28:20 - “And David said to his son Solomon, Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God-my God-will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.”

We Must Trust God

- There are three things we desperately need that only He can supply:
- Forgiveness
 - Psalm 32:5 - “I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, I will confess my transgressions to the LORD, And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.”

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- Protection

- Psalm 32:6-7 - “For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You In a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters They shall not come near him. 7 You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance.”

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- Instruction
 - Psalm 32:8 - “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.”
 - 1Cor. 1:25 - “Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.”



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(Hymn by Kittie Louise Suffield, 1884-1972)