

CONFIDENCE

Psalm 27:1-3

Confidence – Firm belief, trust, assurance, reliance, in ones self or in someone else.

Every system known to man rises or falls based on confidence, whether we are talking personal, political, economical, or spiritual. Let's look at three important spheres of life dependent on confidence.

CONFIDENCE IN GOD

Psalm 27:1-3 The great secret to David's life was his undying love and confidence in God. No matter if it was individuals like Goliath, enemy armies, even his own friends and family David had absolute confidence that God would do the right thing for him.

Proverbs 3:23-26 One of the consistencies of the bible is that God's people should not live in fear. God does not change, He is always in control and watching over His people. Notice these verses tell us “*when it cometh*”. Trials come into every believers life but God must allow it.-**Romans 8:28**

Proverbs 14:26 If we can maintain the right attitude (confidence) in God there is no need to be constantly worrying. God is our shelter and protection. - **Matthew 11:28; Philippians 4:6; I Peter 5:7**

Isaiah 30:15-16 God continues to call His people to Him for rest and confidence in Him. When believers of every generation reject God's call to quietness, trust and confidence in Him when troubles come they soon learn that the problems will escalate and overpower them.

I John 3:21-22 Notice that the very basic requirement for having our prayers answered is confidence. The devil wants to rob every Christian of the right of entering into God's throne room and get our petitions heard and answered. He tries to take our confidence away so that we are weak praying people.

Romans 8:34-39 One of the greatest attack by Satan is his attack on our sinful nature. He reminds us often of what we have done and what we deserve. God promises us that Jesus has taken care of every sin and has given us His pardon and there is nothing in our account of sin that can condemn us.

CONFIDENCE IN BELIEVERS

II Corinthians 2:3 This second aspect of confidence is much more difficult for us to exercise. The word confidence in our English translation comes from different Greek words depending on whether used toward God or for people in general. God does not expect us to have the same kind of confidence in people as with Him. However, using good discretion He expects us to have *trust* in other believers.

Galatians 5:10 Here is Paul once again expressing his confidence in another group of believers who have wavered greatly from the fundamentals of the faith in an effort to get them grounded.

Philippians 1:6; II Thessalonians 3:3-4 Do we have the confidence that God will finish what He started in every believer in our church? If we do, we will have a different attitude toward each other. Are you confident that you and other believers will do what God expects and commands us to do?

CONFIDENCE LOST

Hebrews 3:12-14; I John 1:6-7 When we sin or when we get caught up in a sinful lifestyle our sin separates us from God, fellowship is broken and our confidence in our relationship can be undermined.

James 1:5-8 Losing our confidence and trust in God that He will hear and answer our prayers will hurt our testimony and our service for God and others.

Hebrews 10:35-36 The writer here is referring to a soldier throwing away his shield during the battle and running away. God is saying to us, “don't quit because you are going through trials, there are rewards to be had if you keep on fighting.” Don't lose your confidence in God or your trust in brethren.