

SERMON: CAN GOD TRUST ME?

Job 1:8

And the Lord said unto satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

Introduction

I remember, as a young pastor in Gulfport, Mississippi, preaching a sermon entitled, *Trusting God In Difficult Times*. At the end of the service Mother Cora Kimble came up to me and said, "Great sermon! That was a "two-handkerchief" message. As you preached and let God use you, the tears of joy kept flowing down my cheeks. Both of my handkerchiefs are soaking wet. Next Sunday, if the Lord says the same, why don't you preach the other half of the sermon?" I asked, "What other half?" "Can God trust us?" she emphatically replied. "You told us to trust God, now tell us to live so God can trust us?" I prayed about it and I did preach the other half. It was not the following Sunday, but when the Spirit led me to do so. I preached this sermon, *Can God Trust You?* three weeks later. Each of the Sundays before I preached it, she would come to me after the service and say, "I'm waiting on the other half. Patience is a virtue, but don't make me wait too long."

We should all personalize this query and ask ourselves honestly, "Can God trust me?" Can He trust my character? Can He trust my commitment to worship and mission? Can He trust my communication?

Trust is a presumption of meritorious predictability. It is a belief that there are some "good things" a person will always do, no matter the circumstances and there are some "bad things" a person will never do, no matter the circumstances.

Now let's look at the context of our text. Satan came to God, "smarted –off" and said, "I am doing all the evil I want to do because there is no one who is truly faithful to You. Those, like Job, that appeared to be faithful are only so because You are blessing them. If the blessings were withdrawn, they would abandon You in a heartbeat." God told Satan there was one man whom He trusted totally to do the right thing, no matter the circumstances. It was almost like a wager. Satan told God, "I bet you, I can make Job sin." God replied, "I bet, you cannot make Job sin." Well, you know how it ended - God won the bet. Job became frustrated, but did not sin or abandon God. God trusted Job to do the right thing. Now back to the fundamental question: Can God trust me? (I am asking myself the same question.)

Exposition

- 1. Can God Trust Me To Listen To And Obey Him?
(John 10:27-29.)**
- 2. Can God Trust Me To Use My Blessings to Bless Others?
(Genesis 12:1-2.)**
- 3. Can God Trust Me To Use My Time, Talent, And Treasure To His
Glory?
(Psalm 115:1; Colossians 3:23.)**
- 4. Can God Trust Me To Wait On Him?
(Isaiah 40:31.)**
- 5. Can God Trust Me To Never Take Him For Granted?
(Psalm 34:1.)**

Closing Thoughts

God is looking for men, women, girls, and boys of this generation whom He can trust to do His will. God is looking for Blacks who can study history and see the evils of racism without becoming bitter or resentful. God is not looking for perfect people, but people who are saved and striving for perfection. Being a person God can trust does not guarantee that one will be exempted from the challenges of life. Instead, the opposite is often true. If the incident with satan were repeated today, would God say, "Have you considered my servant "fill in your name?"" Give God Glory! Give God All The Glory!

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