

## I Will Trust in God; Not Man

**Jeremiah 17:5-8 (KJV) Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. <sup>6</sup> For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. <sup>7</sup> Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. <sup>8</sup> For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.**

*Giving Honor to God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. To All of God's Sons, Daughters, and Children. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Big Bethel Nation. Let's turn to Jeremiah 17:5-8 (KJV) as we lift up the Name of the Lord. The sermon topic is "I Will Trust in God, Not Man."*

*According to the text, the Lord said, "cursed is the man who places his trust in man and turns his heart away from God." In the midst of all that is going on in our lives and in this world, we can testify that God is the Source of Blessings and everything else is a resource. Can I get a witness to tell the story today? I just believe that it was God that woke us up this morning and started us on our way. It was God that made us and not we ourselves. It was God that put food on the table and put clothes on our backs. It was God that kept us in our right mind. It was God that blessed us with a reasonable portion of health and strength. Oh, my heart is fixed, my mind is surely made up, and I wanna be ready when Jesus Comes. I will Trust in God, not man.*

*If you place your trust in man, you will be like a stunted shrub in the desert, with no hope for the future, living on the salt-encrusted plains (dried up) in the barren wilderness, while the good times pass him by not just temporarily, but forever. I don't know anybody that would want this type of existence, do you? The shrub is stunted, which means that it never comes close to reaching its full potential. No hope, a dried up, barren, misery of an existence, with no joy, and in ruins forever... Are you with me? What a terrible misfortune... I will Trust in God, not man.*

*Well, what happens preacher if we put our trust in God? Thank you; I'm so glad you asked. God shares the blessing of one who trusts in Him. The man who trusts in the Lord and has made the Lord his hope and confidence will be blessed. He is like a tree planted along the riverbank, with its roots reaching deep into the water. The blessing is that this type of tree won't be bothered by the heat, nor will it be worried by the long months of drought. Its leaves stay green (symbolic of life and new beginnings), and it goes right on producing all its luscious fruit. Does this describe your life?*

*Are you rooted deep in the Lord Jesus Christ? The word of God teaches us to let our roots grow down into Him and draw up nourishment from Him. See that you go on growing in the Lord, and become strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught. Let your lives overflow with joy and thanksgiving for all He has done. (Colossians 2:7) Stay connected to the Lord by spending time in prayer, bible study, fellowshiping with the saints, and attending your local church. I will Trust in God, not man.*

*Are you cleansed by the Word of God? According to John 15:3-5, now we are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. I will Trust in God, not man.*

*In closing, Jeremiah 7:9-10, says the heart is the most deceitful thing there is and desperately wicked. No one can really know how bad it is! Only the Lord knows! He searches all hearts and examines deepest motives so He can give to each person his right reward, according to his deeds—how he has lived. The Lord says "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne,*

*even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. (Revelations 3:20-22) When I think about the goodness of Jesus and all He has done for me, my heart is fixed, my mind is surely made up, and I will Trust in God, not man. Hallelujah, Amen.*