

No. 70 Why Is God Worthy of Your Trust?

PLEASE NOTE: This talk is a verse-by-verse discussion of Proverbs 3:5-12. Help new ones to put their confidence in Jehovah and to overcome obstacles to dedication and baptism. If you wish, you may use the provided artwork to illustrate the points indicated

WILL YOU CHOOSE TO TRUST IN JEHOVAH? (3 min.)

In today's world, many hesitate to put their trust in others

This is understandable because so many humans have proved to be untrustworthy

Jehovah God invites you to put your trust in him **[Read Proverbs 3:5, 6]**

Why can you confidently put your life in Jehovah's hands? How can you show your trust in him?

WHY IS JEHOVAH WORTHY OF YOUR TRUST? (10 min.)

Jehovah's attributes provide strong reasons for you to trust in him

He has unlimited *power*; he can help you at all times and in any situation (Isa 40:26-29)

Because of his *wisdom*, he always knows what is best for you (Pr 2:6, 7)

His *justice* gives assurance that he always does what is right; he will always treat you fairly (De 32:4)

His *love* guarantees that he will never abandon you (Isa 49:15)

The meaning of God's name emphasizes why you can trust in him (Ex 3:14, 15)

Nothing can stop him from accomplishing whatever he chooses (Isa 46:10, 11; w20.06 9 ¶5-6)

A Bible writer was inspired to say of Jehovah: "Happy is the man who trusts in you" (Ps 84:11, 12)

HOW CAN YOU SHOW YOUR TRUST IN JEHOVAH? (14 min.)

"Do not become wise in your own eyes" **[Read Proverbs 3:7, 8]**

Some wonder if living by Jehovah's standards will truly bring them happiness

Show your trust in Jehovah by accepting his wise direction [Image 1]

Jehovah's moral guidance protects us from physical and emotional harm

Gaining and applying Jehovah's wisdom leads to happiness and life (Pr 3:13-18)

"Honor Jehovah with your valuable things" **[Read Proverbs 3:9, 10]**

Our "valuable things" include our time, talents, and strength

Some hold back from serving Jehovah because of the time and energy required

Show your trust in Jehovah by making his worship your priority [Image 2]

Jehovah promises to care for those who give generously to him (Mt 6:31-33)

You can find great happiness in giving to Jehovah and to others (Lu 6:38; Ac 20:35)

"Do not reject the discipline of Jehovah" **[Read Proverbs 3:11, 12]**

All of us are imperfect, so we need Jehovah's loving discipline (w18.03 23 ¶1; 24 ¶5)

Show your trust in Jehovah by welcoming his training and correction [Image 3]

Some hold back from dedication and baptism because they fear making a mistake afterward

If you let Jehovah mold and train you, you can avoid committing a serious sin (Isa 64:8)

When tempted, ask Jehovah to strengthen you to do what is right (Lu 11:13; Ga 5:16)

Even if a person does commit a serious sin, Jehovah remains eager to help (Heb 12:11-13)

Jehovah is "ready to forgive" wrongdoers who correct their course (Ps 86:5; 1Jo 1:9)

MAKE JEHOVAH “YOUR SOURCE OF CONFIDENCE” (3 min.)

The more you learn about Jehovah, the more your trust in him will grow

Keep working to gain knowledge and wisdom (Pr 2:1-5)

As you apply what you learn, “Jehovah will prove to be your source of confidence” (Pr 3:26)

He will safeguard you, and he will richly reward you for trusting in him

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section. Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Reminders for Those Assigned Public Talks* (S-141)]

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