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**“HOW CAN I KNOW IF I AM  
TRUSTING GOD?”**

**PSALM 125**

# St. Patrick

- Patron saint of Rome who brought Christianity to Ireland
- 4th-5th centuries A.D.



# St. Patrick's Breastplate

“I arise today through God's strength to pilot me:  
God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me,  
God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me,  
God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me,  
God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me,  
God's house to save me from snares of devils,  
from temptations of vices, from everyone who shall  
wise me ill. ... Christ to shield me today against ...

# St. Patrick's Breastplate

...poison, against burning, against drowning,  
against wounding, so that there may come to be  
abundance of reward. Christ with me,  
Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ in my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise. ... I arise today through a  
mighty strength."

# Psalms of Ascent

- Group of Psalms – 120-134
- Sung on journeys to Jerusalem and as they ascended the Temple

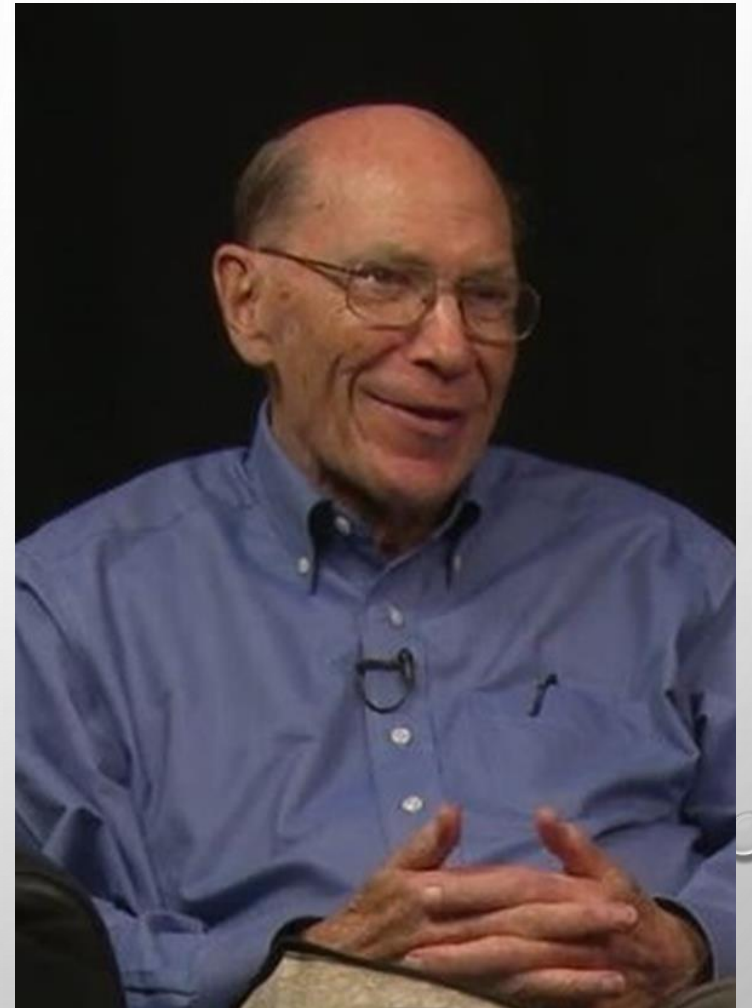


# Background of Psalm 125

- Theme: trusting God
- Written during days of Ezra/Nehemiah?

**Jerry Bridges,  
*Trusting God***

“Our first priority in times of adversity is to honor and glorify God by trusting Him.”



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KEY POINT:

Trusting God is proven by praying to God.





I. Trusting God results in a stable life (vs. 1-3).

**Watch What Happens When We Trust God**



**Charles Spurgeon,**  
*The Treasury of David*

“To trust elsewhere is vanity;  
and the more implicit such  
misplaced trust becomes the more  
bitter will be the ensuing  
disappointment; but to trust in the  
living God is sanctified common  
sense which needs no excuse,  
its result shall be its  
best vindication.”



## Proverbs 3:5-6

*<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.*

*<sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.*

## Jeremiah 7:1-26

*<sup>1</sup> The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD:*

*<sup>2</sup> “Stand in the gate of the LORD's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all you men of Judah who enter these gates to worship the LORD. <sup>3</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place.*

*<sup>4</sup> Do not trust in these deceptive words: ...*

## Jeremiah 7:1-26

*...‘This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD,  
the temple of the LORD.’*

*<sup>5</sup> “For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds,  
if you truly execute justice one with another,*

*<sup>6</sup> if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless,  
or the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place,  
and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm,*

*<sup>7</sup> then I will let you dwell in this place,  
in the land that I gave of old to your fathers ...*

## Jeremiah 7:1-26

*... forever. <sup>8</sup> “Behold, you trust in deceptive words to no avail. <sup>9</sup> Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, <sup>10</sup> and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, ‘We are delivered!’—only to go on doing all these abominations? <sup>11</sup> Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? ...*



## Jeremiah 7:1-26

*... Behold, I myself have seen it, declares the LORD.*

*<sup>12</sup> Go now to my place that was in Shiloh,  
where I made my name dwell at first,  
and see what I did to it because of the evil of my people  
Israel. <sup>13</sup> And now, because you have done all these things,  
declares the LORD, and when I spoke to you persistently you  
did not listen, and when I called you, you did not answer,  
<sup>14</sup> therefore I will do to the house that is called by my name,  
and in which you trust, and to the place that I gave to ...*

## Jeremiah 7:1-26

*... you and to your fathers, as I did to Shiloh.*

*<sup>15</sup> And I will cast you out of my sight,  
as I cast out all your kinsmen, all the offspring of Ephraim.*

*<sup>16</sup> “As for you, do not pray for this people,  
or lift up a cry or prayer for them, and do not intercede with  
me, for I will not hear you. <sup>17</sup> Do you not see what they are  
doing in the cities of Judah and in the streets of  
Jerusalem? <sup>18</sup> The children gather wood, the fathers kindle  
fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes for the ...*

## Jeremiah 7:1-26

*... queen of heaven. And they pour out drink offerings to other gods, to provoke me to anger.*

*<sup>19</sup> Is it I whom they provoke? declares the LORD.*

*Is it not themselves, to their own shame?*

*<sup>20</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, my anger and my wrath will be poured out on this place, upon man and beast, upon the trees of the field and the fruit of the ground; it will burn and not be quenched.” ...*

## Jeremiah 7:1-26

... <sup>21</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:

*“Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices, and eat the flesh. <sup>22</sup> For in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, I did not speak to your fathers or command them concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices.*

<sup>23</sup> But this command I gave them:


*‘Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people. And walk in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you.’ ...*

## Jeremiah 7:1-26

*... <sup>24</sup> But they did not obey or incline their ear, but walked in their own counsels and the stubbornness of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward.*

*<sup>25</sup> From the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt to this day, I have persistently sent all my servants the prophets to them, day after day.*

*<sup>26</sup> Yet they did not listen to me or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck. They did worse than their fathers.*

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- I. Trusting God results in a stable life (vs. 1-3).
  - II. Trusting God results in a sanctified life (vs. 4-5a).


**Watch What Happens When We Trust God**





## Psalm 86:2

*Preserve my life, for I am godly;  
save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.*

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- I. Trusting God results in a stable life (vs. 1-3).
  - II. Trusting God results in a sanctified life (vs. 4-5a).
  - III. Trusting God results in a serene life (vs. 5b).

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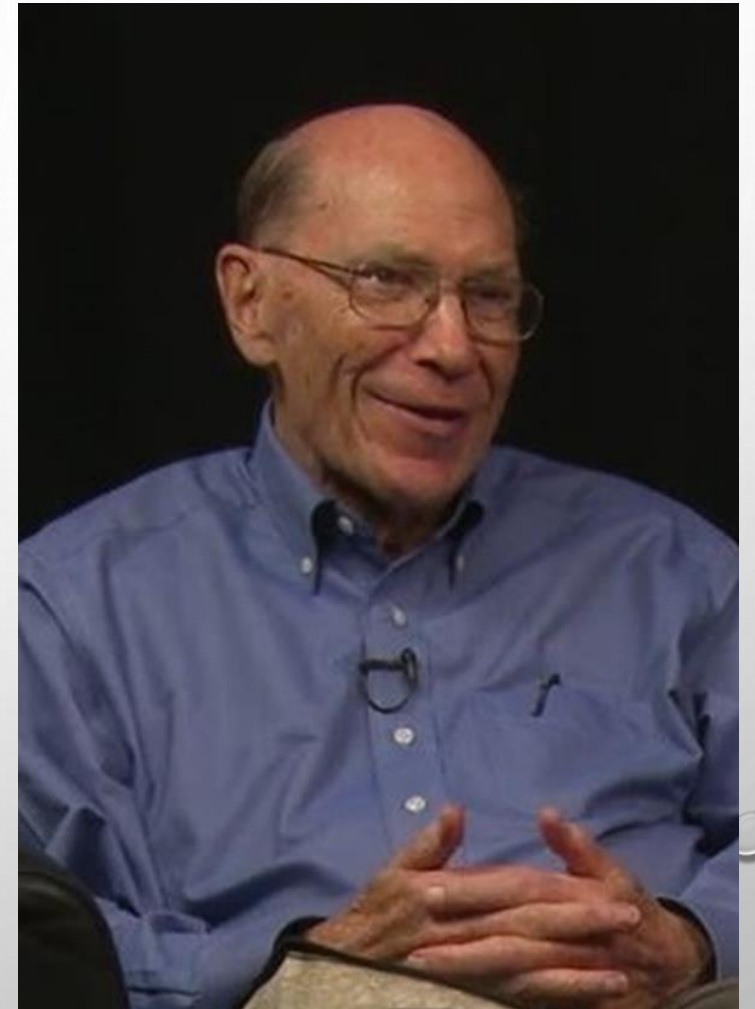
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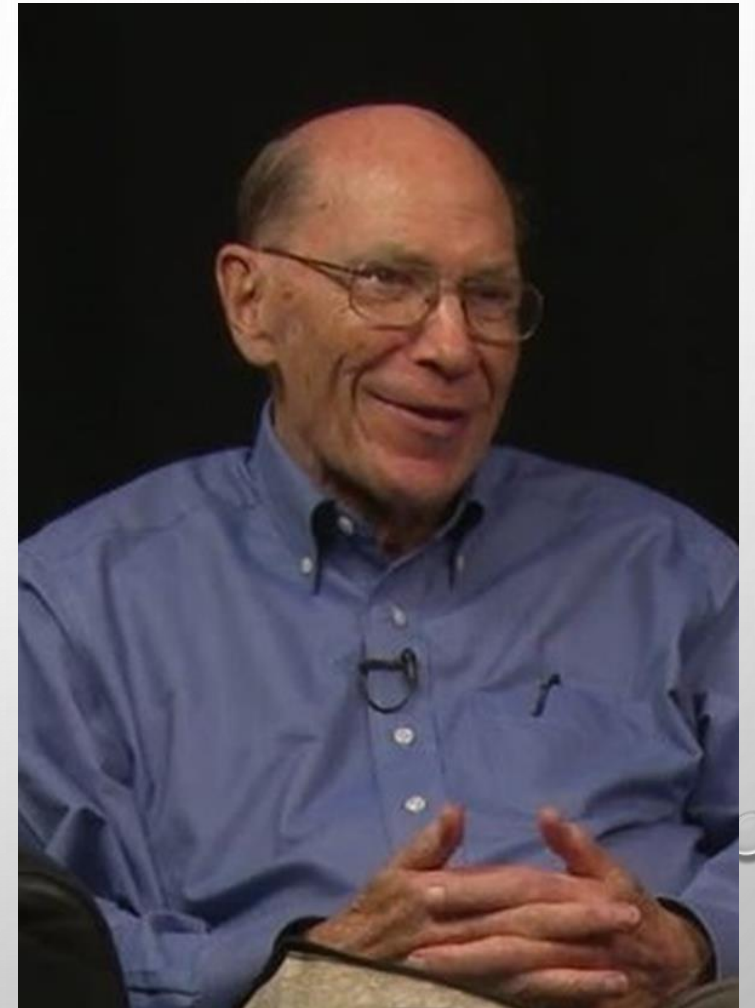
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*Trusting God***

“I will say this next statement as gently and compassionately as I know how. Our first priority in times of adversity is to honor and glorify God by trusting Him. We tend to make our first priority the gaining of relief from our feelings of heartache or disappointment or frustration. This is a natural desire, ...



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“... and God has promised to give us grace sufficient for our trials and peace for our anxieties (see 2 Corinthians 12:9; Philippians 4:6-7). But just as God’s will is to take precedence over our will (in Matthew 26:39) Jesus Himself said, ‘Yet not as I will, but as you will’), so God’s honor is to take precedence over our ...





**Jerry Bridges,  
*Trusting God***

“... feelings. We honor God by choosing to trust Him when we don't understand what He is doing or why He has allowed some adverse circumstances to occur.

As we seek God's glory, we may be sure that He has purposed our good and that He will not be frustrated in fulfilling that purpose.”

