

Introduction

There are different aspects to the word “*salvation*.” This is true outside of Scripture as well as in Scripture.

When the Bible speaks of “*salvation*” it is **not always** speaking of our **deliverance from the penalty of our sin**. We have to properly discern by the context of Scripture just exactly what aspect of **salvation** the Scripture is speaking of in order to rightly divide the Word.

With regard to what Jesus did for us on the cross there are three different aspects of our salvation:

- 1) What Jesus **Has** Done For Us—The **Past** Aspect—Jesus Has Saved Us From **The Penalty Of Sin**.
- 2) What Jesus **Is** Doing For Us—The **Present** Aspect—Jesus Now Saves Us From **The Power Of Sin**.
- 3) What Jesus **Will** Do For Us—The **Future** Aspect—Jesus Will One Day Save Us From **The Presence Of Sin**.

In this passage of Scripture before us, the main focus is upon **the present aspect of our Salvation**. That is, what Jesus is **presently doing** for us.

- 1) Jesus gives us the **power to triumph over sin** and the sin cursed world we live in.
- 2) Jesus gives us **power to triumph over self**—our flesh and its weaknesses.
- 3) Jesus gives us **power to triumph over Satan** and all the fiery darts that he and his cohorts hurl at us.

As an old song says, “*Its not an easy road that we travel*.” If anyone ever told you that living the Christian life was going to be easy, they lied to you.

The fact is **we all face times of crisis in our Christian lives!**

If you haven’t yet, just praise God for that, but you will see some tough times! They are a coming!

We all have weak moments!

We all have times when we think we can handle things without the Lord but then all our efforts crash and burn and we find ourselves in a time of great crisis!

We all have periods of doubt!

We can doubt the presence of the LORD!

We can doubt the sufficiency of the LORD!

We can doubt the Scripture! We may want to believe, but have trouble believing.

We can doubt that God will work things out for our best!

We all have times when we don’t know where to go or what to do!

We may face dark times sometimes when it seems things can’t get any worse, but then things do get worse!

We face some perplexing times when we just can’t figure God out.

Through all that we face, I want us to see that we have a God who can be trusted and we should ALWAYS TRUST THE LORD!:

He can be trusted in the good times!

He can be trusted in the bad times!

He can be trusted when things are going great!

He can be trusted when things are falling apart!

He can be trusted not only with your soul, but with your life!

When we can’t trace God, we must learn to trust Him!

I want us to see and focus on this truth today:

With whatever you may be going through NOW and with whatever you may have to face in the FUTURE—you can ALWAYS TRUST THE LORD!

I. WHEN WE ARE WEAK WE SHOULD TRUST IN GOD'S STRENGTH!

Isaiah 40:29—"He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength."

Psalms 28:7—"The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise Him."

When we are **physically weak** we should trust in God's strength!
When we are **emotionally weak** we should trust in God's strength!
When we are **intellectually weak** we should trust in God's strength!
When we are **spiritually weak** we should trust in God's strength!

A. God's Strength Is An Everlasting Strength!

Isaiah 26:4—Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength.

Isaiah 40:28—Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

Think of the words of the old hymn we sing:

LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

*Vs 1 "What a fellowship, what a joy Divine, leaning on the
EVERLASTING ARMS!*

*What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the
EVERLASTING ARMS!*

*Vs 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the
EVERLASTING ARMS!*

*I have blessed peace with my LORD so near, leaning on the
EVERLASTING ARMS!*

*(Chorus) Leaning (on Jesus), Leaning (on Jesus), Safe and
secure from all alarms."*

*God's Strength Is An Everlasting Strength!
It never falters...It never fails!*

B. God's Strength Is Apart From Our Strength!

2 Corinthians 12:9—"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

Israel was strong when they relied on the LORD's strength!
The LORD told them in *Isaiah 41:10—"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."*

Deuteronomy 33:27—"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms:"

Psalms 29:11—"The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace."

But when they relied on their own strength, they failed!

The same is true in our lives!

We are only strong when we rely on God's strength!

Philippians 4:13—"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

WHEN WE ARE WEAK WE SHOULD TRUST IN GOD'S STRENGTH! But could I also tell you...

II. WHEN WE ARE STRONG WE SHOULD TRUST IN GOD'S STRENGTH! (Psalm 33:16-22)

A. Our Strength Has Its Limitations!

Isaiah 40:30-31—"Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Psalm 34:10—“The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.”

Psalm 39:5—. . .every man at his best state is altogether vanity.

Our Strength Has Limitations!

- B. But The LORD’s Strength Has No Limitations!**
He is the great **“I AM”!** He is the LORD God omnipotent!

Revelation 1:8—“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.”

Whatever your need, He has the strength to supply the need!

WHEN WE ARE WEAK OR WHEN WE ARE STRONG WE SHOULD TRUST IN GOD’S STRENGTH!

- III. WHEN WE NEED ASSURANCE OF HIS SALVATION WE SHOULD TRUST IN GOD’S WORD! (John 10:27-29)**

1 John 5:11-13—“And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”

Philippians 1:6—“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:”

- IV. WHEN WE NEED DIRECTION WE SHOULD TRUST IN GOD’S GUIDANCE. (Psalm 37:3-5)**

Proverbs 3:5-6—“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him (God), and He (God) shall direct thy paths.”

- V. WHEN THE WAY SEEMS DARK WE SHOULD TRUST IN GOD’S LIGHT.**

Psalm 23:4—“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.”

Psalm 119:105—“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”

Psalm 19:8—“. . . the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.”

Psalm 43:3—“O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

- VI. WHEN WE DON’T UNDERSTAND WE SHOULD TRUST IN GOD’S LOVING CARE.**

*2 Corinthians 4:8-9—“We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; **we are perplexed**, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed.”*

Job 13:15— “Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him:”

Conclusion

When is it time to trust the Lord friends?

Well, if you haven’t trusted Him for your eternal soul’s salvation, the time to trust Him is right now...there is not a moment to waste! Trust Him today! This moment! It is all that you know that you have! You are not promised the next minute! You could be in eternity before you are able to leave this place! Come let us show you what it means to trust the Lord for salvation!

If you already know the Lord, when is it time to trust the Lord? All the time! No matter what you are going through today! If you are on the mountain top in your life—trust Him! If you are in the valley of despair—trust Him!

ALWAYS TRUST THE LORD!
PSALM 62:1-12 (Vs 8 text verse)

In every trial, through every storm, from this time to eternity—trust Him!
Your whole life! Moment by moment, trust God!

WE SHOULD TRUST IN GOD AT ALL TIMES! (Psalm 62:8)

Trust God in your weak moments!

Trust God when you think you can handle things without the Lord!

Trust God when you have periods of doubt!

Trust God when your heart is overwhelmed and you don't know which
way to turn or where to go!

Trust God when you face the dark times and it seems things can't get
any worse, but then they get worse!

Trust God when you face the perplexing times when you just can't
figure God out.

*Isaiah 26:4—“Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is
everlasting strength.”*

Psalm 2:12—“. . .Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.”

Oswald Chambers said this—*“It is not our trust that keeps us but the God in
whom we trust who keeps us.”*

Just stick with the LORD!

*1 John 2:28—“And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall
appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his
coming.”*