

Proverbs 29:25

TRUST JEHOVAH AND BE SAFE

- I. The natural alternative.
 - A. It is a universal human problem that we seek to please men rather than God.
 - B. History is full of examples of men governed by the fear of man.
 - 1. Abraham twice denied Sarah was his wife; as did Isaac; Aaron makes a golden calf.
 - 2. Young people will do many evils so not embarrassed before their peers. What will my friends think of me?
 - C. The drive to please men is really a “snare” which snares us into very earthly, temporary and imperfect goals.
- II. “Trust in Jehovah lifts man’s soul above his troubles.”
 - A. “Trust” is to confide in someone, to lean on set our confidence on them to hold us up, resulting in being secure. Trust implies:
 - B. Our trust must be in “Jehovah” (the “I Am”) is the object of my trust.
 - 1. He is the perfectly Self-sufficient and Self-existent, independent, having everything in Himself.
 - 2. This Jehovah was/is pleased to have a most intimate relationship of love with His chosen ones.
 - C. The trust of faith in Jehovah delivers one from this fear of man.
 - D. Trust in Jehovah results in our being “safe” (“set on high,” “inaccessible”) beyond the reach of man.
 - 1. One who embraces Jehovah stands high above the snares when entangle our feet when he fears men.
 - 2. Faith puts us in God’s strong tower where we are kept by the power of God unto salvation (I Peter 1:5).
- III. Wean yourself away from what people expect and do what God expects.
 - A. With children, dethrone the fear of man and let the fear of the Lord reign instead.
 - B. We must be careful that the fear of man is not replaced with a terror of God; rather we must be filled with awe of God.