

Selected readings from Morning and Evening: Daily Readings, By
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Reading 128

“It is better to trust in the Lord, than to put confidence in man.” Psalm 118:8

Doubtless the reader has been tried with the temptation to rely upon the things which are seen, instead of resting alone upon the invisible God. Christians often look to man for help and counsel, and mar the noble simplicity of their reliance upon their God. Does this evening’s portion meet the eye of a child of God anxious about earthly needs, then would we reason with him awhile.

You trust in Jesus, and only in Jesus, for your salvation, then why are you troubled? “Because of my great care,” is it not written, “Cast thy burden upon the Lord”? “Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication make known your wants unto God.” Cannot you trust God for earthly needs? “Ah! I wish I could.” If you cannot trust God for them, how dare you trust him for spiritual needs? Can you trust him for your soul’s redemption, and not rely upon him for a few lesser mercies? Is not God enough for your need, or is his all-sufficiency too narrow for your wants? Do you want another eye beside that of him who sees every secret thing? Is his heart faint? Is his arm weary? If so, seek another God; but if he be infinite, omnipotent, faithful, true, and all-wise, why consider to seek another confidence? Why would you rake the earth to find another foundation, when He is strong enough to bear all the weight on which you can ever build?

Christian, mix not your wine with water, or the gold of faith with the dross of human confidence. Wait only upon your God, and let your expectation be from him. Covet not Jonah’s gourd, but rest in Jonah’s God. Let the sandy foundations of terrestrial trust be the choice of fools, but you, like one who foresees the storm, build your abiding place upon the Rock of Ages.

