



THE CENTER OF GOD'S WILL

This past week I received an email with a Microsoft Power Point slide show. This was one of the best emails that I have received, and I sent it on to others. Though I teach others not to open any attachments that include MS Word documents, or anything that could include macros, I found that this document is a good one.

http://lrcressy.com/church/sermons/2004/centre_of_the_bible.pps

Seeing this document you discover that the center of the Bible is Psalm 118 along with some other neat facts.

Psalms 118:1-29

1 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let Israel now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

3 Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

4 Let them now that fear the LORD say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

5 I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place.

6 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

7 The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.

8 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

9 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

10 All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I destroy them.

11 They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

12 They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

13 Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the LORD helped me.

14 The LORD is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the LORD:

20 This gate of the LORD, into which the righteous shall enter.

21 I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

23 This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

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26 Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

28 Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee.

29 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Verse 8 of Psalm 118 is the exact center of the Bible. Here we see that it is better to trust in God rather than trusting in man. Verse 9 goes on by stipulating that we are better off by not trusting our politicians. Though the Bible says princes, today it would mean to cover all politicians.

When you put your trust n God you are putting your trust in the one who will never fail.

Man is continually looking for angles to deceive you. He is continually looking for methods of corruption. Is it any wonder that Martha Stewart is on trial? Is it any wonder that brokerage houses are paying millions for after hours trading. Is it any wonder that mutual funds are under the microscope? Is it any wonder that politicians are calling each other liars? With the Lord, there is no deception. There are no Lies.

Zephaniah 3:5

5 The just LORD is in the midst thereof; he will not do iniquity: every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame.

The way of the world is full of shame and contempt. Whenever you you trust in a person, you will be let down. whenever you put your trust in the Lord, you will be lifted up. The

world will fail you, but the Lord never will. Where is your trust today?

We sing a hymn that has the phrase, "Jesus Never Fails." I have found this to be true, for the Lord will never fail when you put all of your trust in him and keep his commandments.

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