The Person Who Trusts in God
Psalm 91:11-15

Introduction:
A. Dwells in the secret place of the most high.
B. Abides under the shadow of the most high.
C. My God is a fortress and refuse.
D. So Psalm 91 opens with these powerful promised from God.
E. In love then, God swore an oath to care for us.

I. Assured of God’s Protection. Vs. 11
A. He gives His angels have charge over us.
B. Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? Hebrews 1:14
C. We are delivered from the power of evil. Colossians 1:13
D. God sent an angel to shut the moths of lions. Daniel 6:22
E. After confronting Ananias and Sapphira many more people were lead to the Lord. Enraged, the high priests and Sadducees (Vs.17) threw Peter and the apostles in jail. An angel delivered Peter from jail. Acts 5:17-19

II. Assured that God Answers Prayer. Vs. 14
A. God hears the prayer of the man who sets his love upon Him. Vs. 14
B. This cannot be said of everyone. We know that God heareth not sinners. John 9:31
C. We must be careful not to let sin affect our relationship with God. Sin hinders our prayer life.
D. A poor prayer life is a self-imposed condition. If I regard iniquity in my heart God will not hear me. Isaiah 66:18
E. We are comforted in troublous times knowing that God is a very present help to us.
III. Assured of God’s Honor. Vs. 15
A. God honors the believer because we know him, and He knows us. Note the 6 “I will’s” of our text.
B. God commanded light to shine out of darkness has shined in our hearts. II Corinthians 4:6
C. This implies faith and trust. See Proverbs 23:103
   1. Abraham: MY son, God will provide himself a lamb.
   2. Hebrew children: Our God whom we serve, is able to deliver us from out of the burning furnace.
   3. Job: I know that my redeemer liveth.
   4. Paul said: I believe God that it will be as it was told me.
D. God honors us with long life.
E. God honors us with His protective care.

IV. Assured of God’s Forgiveness. Vs. 16
A. God has reveal His plan of forgiveness to men.
B. His Word teaches us of His faithfulness to forgive sin.
C. God draws a man to the place of understanding. John 6:44, Romans 7:9, Titus 2:11.
D. Contrition – Conviction – Confession
E. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. Romans 8:16

Conclusion:
A. David said: I will fear no evil. WHY? He was comforted by God’s presence.
B. God is our Great Physician when we are sick.
C. God is our strength when we are weak.
D. God is our life when this body dies.
E. God is our Savior who gives eternal life.

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Jesus is My Ransom for Sin
Matthew 20:28; I Timothy 2:6

Introduction: These and other verses of the Bible teach plainly and simply that Jesus is our ransom from sin. He came into this world to minister to people and last of all to give His life as a ransom for sin. He paid the price for our salvation and deliverance. He died as a sacrifice and has become the propitiation for our sins. How great a price to pay, but thank God, He was willing to pay it.

I. The Fact of the Ransom from Sin

A. The proof of sin
   1. Paul tells us plainly that all have sinned and come short
of the glory of God. Romans 3:23
2. None are righteous, not even one according to Romans 3:10
3. Death gives a great testimony that we are sinners and we have sinned. Romans 5:12; James 1:14, 15.

B. The price of sin
1. The wages of sin is death according to Romans 6:23
2. We must pay for our sins. We will pay for our sins.
3. God’s terrible awful horrible judgement is upon the sinner.

C. The penalty of sin
1. We must die physically because we have sinned against God.
2. There is a greater penalty than physical death.
3. People must experience the wrath of God in eternal punishment for sin. II Thessalonians 1:8,9
4. Christ rejecters will die and go to hell and the lake of fire for ever and ever. Luke 16:19-31; Revelation 20:11-15

II. The foolishness and the Ransom from Sin.

A. Many deny there is God
1. God said the fool says in his heart there is no God. Psalm 14:1
2. If there isn’t a righteous God, then there isn’t a heaven or hell or a judgment to come.
3. Evolution teaches people they are here by accident and not responsible to anyone.

B. Many reject Christ as Savior.
1. There are a lot of people who believe there is a God. They believe in heaven and hell. They know Jesus can and will save.
2. They reject Him as their personal Savior. They aren’t ready. They don’t want to give up their ways.

C. Many are trying to work their way to heaven.
1. They will join a church. They will be baptized.
2. They will do good deeds or try to be a good neighbor.
3. Their righteousness will not be accepted. Isaiah 64:6. Their works will not count. Titus 3:5.

D. Many are putting salvation off.
1. They want to be saved later on, but not now or the present time.
2. The next service, next month, when they think they can live it.
3. They want to be saved before they die, but not today.

III. The Favor and the Ransom from Sin

A. Jesus loved us.
1. He is expression of God’s wonderful love. John 3:16
2. He first loved us according to John in I John 4:19.
3. His love made Him a sacrifice for our sins. Ephesians 5:25

**B. Jesus lived for us.**
1. He is the righteous Son of God. He is without sin. Hebrews 7:26. No sin is in Him. I John 3:5.
2. He fulfilled the law for God and for us according to Matthew 5:17.
3. He lived for 33 1/2 years upon this earth robed in flesh for us.

**C. Jesus was lifted up for us.**
1. The Son of man must be lifted up according to John 3:14.
4. He paid the ransom price for my sins and because of that I am redeemed and ransomed. I John 2:1, 2.

**IV. The Faith and the Ransom from Sin**

**A. Recognize your sins.**
1. You are a sinner by nature, choice, and practice. Romans 3:23.
2. You will die in your sins according to Romans 5:12 and John 8:24.
3. Accept the truth of Ephesians 2:1-3 and repent of sin and trust Jesus.

**B. Repent of your sins.**
1. The message of John the Baptist and Jesus was repent of your sins. Matthew 3:2; 4:12.
2. Repentance is to have a change of mind about sin and God.
3. You must confess you are a sinner and you sin against God. God commands you to repent. Acts 17:30.

**C. Receive the Savior**
2. Those who receive Jesus become sons of God John 1:12
3. Salvation is Jesus Christ. Accept Jesus and you will be saved.
4. Men will not come to Jesus for life and salvation and that is sad. John 5:39, 40.

**V. The Fruit and the Ransom from Sin**

**A. The condemnation**
1. People are already condemned according to John 3:18.
2. Why are they condemned? Because they haven’t believed in the name of the only begotten Son.
3. This condemnation can be removed and taken away. Listen to Paul in Romans 5:1.
B. The conviction
1. The Holy Spirit convicts of sin, righteousness, and judgment. John 16:8-11
2. Conviction is the act of the Holy Spirit making us admit our sins and realize Jesus will save us.
3. The Holy Spirit draws us to the heavenly Father. John 6:44

C. The conversion
1. Whosoever will call upon the name of Jesus will be saved. Romans 10:13
2. Whosoever can accept the invitation to take the water of life. Revelation 22:17
3. Whosoever believeth shall receive everlasting life. John 3:16
4. We are to preach the gospel in all the world. Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15

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Jesus Is My Remedy
Hebrews 13:5-9

Introduction: We continue in the thought of Jesus being everything to His people. Jesus is our all and all. The topic for you to think on today is JESUS IS MY REMEDY. Life at its best and worst is full of problems. We may have physical, emotional, mental, material, and spiritual problems. I want to show you as plainly as I can that Jesus is the remedy to life’s many problems. Jesus wants to have part in dealing with and finding solutions to the problems in your life.

I. The Fact of the Remedy
A. Jesus is the remedy for sin
1. When I was lost, Jesus died for me on Calvary. Romans 5:8-10. He was the supreme sacrifice for sin. John 1:29
2. Man is a slave and servant to sin in his natural condition. Read Ephesians 2:1-3
3. Through Jesus we can be forgiven of sin. Ephesians 1:7. As a saved person, Jesus wants to cleanse us of sin. I John 1:9

B. Jesus is the remedy for self.
1. In man’s sinful condition He is ruled and dominated with selfish sinful desires and ways.
2. He is possessed with pride. Proverbs 16:18 The Lord says man’s ways and thoughts are not His ways and thoughts. Isaiah 55:8
3. When Jesus saved us, He set us free. John 8:36 The struggle and conflict with the flesh is constant. Romans 7:14-25
4. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we can be more interested in others and God.
C. Jesus is the remedy for Satan.
   1. The lost man belongs to the Devil according to John 8:44
   2. The Devil is the great adversary and tempter of the redeemed. I Peter 5:8
   3. The only way we can fight the Devil is with God’s Word and in the faith. I Peter 5:9

II. The Foolishness about the Remedy

A. Self-will is foolish.
   1. Man is sinful by nature and by practice. He tends to sin out of self-will.
   2. Jeremiah said it is not in man to direct his steps. Jeremiah 10:23
   3. It is foolish to always do what we want to do. We will sin against God and wrong our souls. Proverbs 8:36
   4. Many are going through this life not subject to anyone. They have no discipline. They are pitiful.

B. Self-way is foolish.
   1. Man has a desire to do things his way. Man, still acts as he did in Judges 21:25
   2. Sarah and Abraham did it their way in having a child.
   3. Absalom did it his way. Pharaoh did it his way. Achan did it his way.
   4. Hitler did it his way.

III. The Favor and the Remedy

A. The Lord is our help.
   1. He promises to never leave us or forsake us. Hebrews 13:5,6
   2. We can boldly say; the Lord is my helper. He is an ever-present help.
   3. Regardless of our need, He wants to help meet that need. He can meet that need.

B. The Lord gives us a hunger.
   1. Jesus said, “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.” Matthew 5:6
   2. The Lord satisfies the hungry soul with goodness. Psalm 107:9
   3. Hungering for God’s will and righteousness will affect the way we look at self and sin.

C. The Lord moves us to holiness.
   1. Peter wrote, “But as He which hath called you is holy,
so be ye holy in all manner of conversation, because it is written, be ye holy; for I am holy.” I Peter 1:15,16
2. We are to seek God’s kingdom and righteousness first. Matthew 6:33

IV. The Faith and The Remedy

A. Faith to save
1. We are saved by grace through faith according to Ephesians 2:8,9
2. We are saved by faith or believing in or on Christ according to Acts 16:31
3. We become children of God by faith according to Galatians 3:26

B. Faith to Serve
1. James reminds us works or service is a manifestation of inner faith in the Lord. James 2:18
2. Hebrews chapter 11 deals with the great service and servants of God who did many things by faith.

C. Faith to supply.
1. David wrote, “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.” Psalm 23:1
2. Jesus came to give the more abundant life according to John 10:10
3. Whatever our need is Jesus can supply that need to us.

V. The Fruit and the Remedy

A. The cleansing
1. If we confess sin, Jesus is just and faithful to cleanse of sin. I John 1:9
2. A major problem in the Christian life is sin. Much of our lacking is due to sin, but once cleansed our needs are met.

B. The calming
1. Jesus can give peace to the heart that is fearful, failing, fainting, and feeble.
2. He can calm the storm in your life or calm you in the storm of life. Matthew 8:26
   Peace is ours. Isaiah 26:3

C. The cheering
1. Jesus can give us cheer. He can cause us to rejoice and be glad.
2. In Him we can rejoice always according to Philippians 4:4

D. The conviction
1. We need a great conviction for the Lord Jesus who is our remedy.
2. He is the solution to every problem. His grace is all sufficient. II Corinthians 12:9
3. Jesus is the way, truth, and life according to John 14:6

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Jesus Is My Redeemer
Titus 2:14; I Peter 1:18,19

Introduction: I am glad I can say Jesus is my redeemer. What a blessing to be redeemed by the redeemer. He is a personal, powerful, and peaceful redeemer. Songs of praise to our redeemer are very pleasant and wonderful to sin. What a privilege and blessing to know Jesus as redeemer. Jesus is interested in you. He wants to be the redeemer of every man, but only can be to those who receive Him.

I. The Word of God and The Redeemer

A. He is the Redeemer.
   1. Peter says we are redeemed by the precious blood of the Lamb. Text
   2. Paul writes that Jesus gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from iniquity. 3. “To redeem them that were under the law…” Galatians 4:5

B. He is the Savior
   1. He is called Jesus because He would save from sin. Matthew 1:21
   2. Salvation is in Jesus and we must call upon Him. Acts 4:12
   3. He saves from the penalty and power of sin.

C. He is the Deliverer.
   1. He has, is, and will deliver His people. II Corinthians 1:10
   2. “To deliver their soul from death…” Psalm 33:19
   3. Jesus sets men free from sin and slavery. John 8:36
   4. “If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O King.” Daniel 3:17

II. The Way and the Redeemer

A. Redeemed by His precious blood.
   1. Peter reminds us silver and gold cannot redeem from sin.
   2. Good works cannot redeem. What men are trusting in cannot redeem.
   3. The divine, sinless, holy Son of God shed His blood on Calvary for our sins.
   4. We are washed in His own blood. Revelation 1:5

B. Redeemed by His life.
   1. Paul wrote, “…We shall be saved by his life.” Romans 5:10
   2. “Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He everliveth to make intercession for them.” Hebrews 7:25
3. Jesus said, “Because I live ye shall live also.” John 14:19

C. Redeemed by His death.
1. Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 His death reconciled us to God. Romans 5:10
2. Jesus tasted death for every man. Hebrews 2:9
3. Jesus died for our sins. I Peter 2:24 He abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. I Timothy 1:10
4. We can proclaim with Paul, “O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory.”

III. The Warmth and the Redeemer

A. Jesus is loving.
1. John said, “We love him because he first loved us.” I John 4:19
2. God is love. That is His character according to I John 4:8
3. God commended His love to us in Christ Jesus according to Romans 5:8
4. Jesus is the proof of God’s love according to John 3:16

B. Jesus is merciful.
1. He redeemed us according to His mercy according to Titus 3:5
2. The publican as for God’s mercy according to Luke 18:13

C. Jesus is gracious.
1. He is full of grace and truth according to John 1:14
2. We are saved by God’s wonderful matchless and amazing grace. Ephesians 2:8
3. His grace reaches out and offers to man what he doesn’t deserve.
4. Grace reached the thief, adulteress, leper, sick of palsy, self-righteous, and ungodly.

D. Jesus is tender.
1. He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. Hebrews 4:15
2. We are to be kind and tenderhearted towards one another as God is to us in forgiveness. Ephesians 4:32

IV. The Wonder and The Redeemer

A. The possession
1. We who are redeemed are no longer condemned according to John 3:18
2. We are new creatures in Christ Jesus according to II Corinthians 5:17
3. We are children of God by faith according to Galatians 3:26
4. We are sons of God now according to I John 3:1,2
5. We are heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus according to Romans 8:17

B. The pardon
1. Redemption is the forgiveness of sins according to Ephesians 1:7
2. We have forgiveness of sins in Jesus according to Acts 10:43
3. His forgiveness is kind and tender according to Ephesians 4:32
4. His forgiveness is free, frequent, full, or complete according to I John 1:9

C. The peace
1. We are at peace with God according to Romans 5:1. We are reconciled to Him.
2. We are to let God’s peace rule in our hearts. Colossians 3:15; Philippians 4:7
3. Jesus gives us peace, His peace according to John 16:33
4. He can calm the storms in your life or He can calm you in the storms of life. Matthew 8:26,27

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Jesus is My Righteousness
Romans 10:1-10

Introduction: Paul wrote a number of passages on the subject of righteousness. He had lived as a zealous Pharisee for a long time with God, life, and hope. He wanted to impart the truth, way, and life in Jesus Christ. The only way a person can live, act, talk right, is to be right with God. Paul simply, plainly, and very ably teaches us that Jesus is man’s righteousness.

I. The Fact of Righteousness

A. None righteous
1. “As it is written, there is none righteous, no not one.” Romans 3:10
2. This is God’s announcement and pronouncement.
3. Paul wrote to show one and all they are guilty before God. Man is guilty and the Holy Spirit convicts of the sinfulness. John 16:8-11
4. Paul concludes all have sinned and come short of God’s glory. Romans 3:23
5. Man is a sinner by nature and he is not right with God. Ephesians 2:1-3

B. None does righteous
1. God doesn’t accept the good deeds of man in any shape as righteous.
2. What man does comes from the heart and heart is deceitful and desperately wicked. Jeremiah 17:9
3. Paul describes the sinfulness of man in Romans 3:10-18
4. Jesus said this sinfulness is an expression of the condition of the heart. Matthew 15:18,19
5. Man needs to be saved from what he is.

II. The Foolishness about Righteousness.

A. Ignorance of God’s righteousness
   1. Paul wrote the Jews were ignorant of God’s righteousness
   2. They were without knowledge, went about to establish their own, and would not submit unto God’s righteousness.
   3. The Devil often blinds people to the righteousness of God. He deceives them.
   4. That is why it is necessary for the Spirit to convict them. John 16:7-11

B. Ideas about righteousness
   1. The Jews sought to establish their own righteousness.
   2. Listen to the seriousness of this subject. “…Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:20
   3. Paul taught we aren’t saved by works of righteousness. Titus 3:5

So many are depending on self-righteousness. They are deceived.

C. Imitation righteousness
   1. Self-righteousness is unreal, unsatisfying, and unfulfilling to the soul.
   2. It is an outward conforming to standards without the conversion of the soul. It is religion without regeneration.
   3. It is to have likeness without life. All is vain and void without Jesus.

III. The Favor and Righteousness

A. The Lord Jesus is gracious.
   1. Jesus doesn’t want man to remain in his unrighteous and godless condition.
   2. His wonderful amazing grace reaches to the unrighteous and offers what man cannot attain to.

B. The Lord Jesus is Loving
   1. John 3:16 has been referred to as the golden text of God’s Word.
   2. In love Jesus came to earth, lived, and died that poor unrighteous souls could be made righteous.
   3. “For he hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin: that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.” II Corinthians 5:21
C. The Lord Jesus is merciful
   1. He isn’t willing for any to perish. II Peter 3:9
   2. He lamented over Jerusalem which refused to be gathered to Him. Matthew 23:37
   3. He deals in tenderness, longsuffering, and patience with us because of mercy. Titus 3:5

IV. The Faith and Righteousness

   A. The Christ of righteousness
      1. He is our advocate who is righteous. I John 2:1
      2. The Lord is gracious and righteous. Psalm 116:5
      3. The Lord God Almighty is true and righteous. Revelation 16:7

   B. The cost of righteousness
      1. Jesus lived and died to provide righteousness for us.
      2. God reckons or counts our faith in Jesus as righteous. Romans 4:5 Man believes with the heart to righteousness Romans 10:10
      3. Abraham believed God and his believing was counted for righteousness. Romans 3:3,9
      4. God’s righteousness is by faith in Jesus Christ unto all who believe or trust. Romans 3:22
      5. If men will not repent of sin and trust Jesus, they are unrighteous still.

V. The Fruit and Righteousness

   A. Righteous life.
      1. The believing is given the eternal life of Jesus. John 10:28
      2. We are partakers of the divine nature. I Peter 1:4
      3. We are new creatures in Christ. II Corinthians 5:17 We are His workmanship. Ephesians 2:10

   B. Righteous love
      1. With the new nature comes a new love
      2. The Lord loves righteousness and so do we. Psalm 11:7
      3. There is a new inner delight for spiritual things. II Corinthians 5:17 Old things are passed away. Romans 7:22
      4. We long and love to be like Jesus. Philippians 3:10
C. Righteous living
1. “Everyone who doeth righteousness is born of him.” I John 2:29
2. “Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous…” I John 3:7
3. Righteous living is an outward manifestation of a righteous person.

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Jesus is My Road
John 14:1-6

Introduction: Jesus said, “I am the way.” He is the way or road to a lot of things. The psalmist spoke of God’s Word being a light to his path. Psalm 119:105 Jesus spoke of the broad way that leads to destruction. Matthew 7:13,14 Life is like a road or path a that we are walking down. You can take the wrong road or the right road. You can make the right turns, or you can make the wrong turns. Jesus is the way or road in life.

II. The Foolishness and the Road

A. The pride
1. The flesh is afflicted with the pride of life. I John 2:15-17
2. Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall. Proverbs 16:18
3. Through pride we are lifted up and walk the wrong way.
B. The passion
1. We deliberately walk the wrong way because of the lust of the flesh and eyes. I John 2:15,16
2. We may like Demas have a greater love for the present world. II Timothy 4:10
3. Abounding iniquity will cause our love for the Lord and His way to wax cold. Matthew 24:12

C. The popularity
1. Many choose the popularity of man. They want to be accepted by people, even before the Lord.
2. Moses could have remained Pharaoh’s daughter’s son, but he chose to suffer with God’s people. Hebrews 11:24-26

D. The problem
1. Man faces the basic problem. Which way will he choose to walk?
2. You will make a choice. All men will choose the right or wrong way to live.
3. Often, we know the right way and thing to do, but we don’t do it.
4. Choose God’s way and live. Choose the Devil’s way and die.

III. The Favor and the Road

A. God loves you
1. The Lord Jesus knows your heart and the pain you feel in the decision you make.
2. God loves you John 3:16
   He lovingly shows you the right way.
3. He wants you to live the right way. He doesn’t force you. He shows you it is best.

B. God’s light
1. God’s Word is a book of light according to Psalm 119:105
2. Jesus is the light of the world according to John 8:12
3. In the light you can see things as they really are.

C. God’s life
1. The Lord wants you to really live. He came to give the abundant life. John 10:10
2. Labor of righteous tendeth to life. Proverbs 10:16
   Righteousness tendeth to life. Proverbs 11:19
3. The fear of the Lord tendeth to life. Proverbs 19:23
   Jesus wants us to have the more abundant life. John 10:10

IV. The Faith and The Road

A. The truth
1. The road to life involves the truth according to John 14:6
2. It is the truth which makes us free according to John 8:32
3. The Lord is the truth. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth, John 14:17
   The Bible is truth. John 17:17
4. The Devil is a liar and the Father of it according to John 8:44

B. The trust
1. We must trust the truth and the Word of truth. Proverbs 3:5,6
2. The Devil wants you to deny it, change it, question it, but do not trust it.
3. It is impossible for God to lie. Hebrews 6:18 You can place your complete confidence in Him.

C. The triumph
1. Truth and righteousness will prevail.
2. I gained the victory when I acknowledged the truth and repented of sin and accepted Jesus as Savior.
3. The Lord gives grace to the humble but resists the proud. James 4:7

V. The Fruit and The Road

A. The contentment
1. Paul learned to be content in the Lord according to Philippians 4:11
2. The peace of God keeps our hearts and minds according to Philippians 4:7
3. The Lord satisfies the longing soul according to Psalm 107:9

B. The calmness
1. Paul was calm knowing his departure was at hand. II Timothy 4:6-8

2. Jesus has the power to calm the storms in life. Matthew 8:23-26
3. He gives us that precious peace in daily life. John 16:33; Isaiah 26:3

C. The clearness
1. As we keep our eyes on Jesus, we see things more clearly.
2. When problems, troubles, pain, hurt, suffering come our way, Jesus can give us understanding.
3. In troubles we find trust. In pain we find peace. In suffering we find serenity.

D. The calling
1. Jesus calls upon us to take up His cross and follow Him. Mark 8:34
2. Jesus is calling us to walk the road of life with Him.
3. He hasn’t promised us an easy road. He has promised to be with us and help us. Hebrew 13:5,6

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Jesus is My Rejoicing
Philippians 4:1-4

Introduction: There is joy in the Lord. There will always be an occasion to rejoice and be glad in the Lord. As God’s people, our minds and hearts should be on the things of our Lord. Jesus tells us our hearts will be where our treasure is.
Matthew 6:19-21 If our treasure is in heaven and on heavenly things, there is where our hearts will be. If our hearts are upon worldly things that will be where our treasure is.

I. The Fact of our Rejoicing

A. Rejoice in the Lord.
   1. The area or sphere in which we are to rejoice is in the Lord.
   2. We are to rejoice in the Lord. We can rejoice in Him always.
   3. The Lord and His work is a constant source of rejoicing.

B. Rejoice in your name being written in heaven.
   1. The disciples were rejoicing that the spirits were subject to them. Luke 10:20
   2. Jesus told them not to rejoice because the spirits were subjected to them.
   3. They were to rejoice because their names were written in heaven. Luke 10:20

C. Rejoice when persecuted.
   1. God’s people are blessed when they are persecuted for righteousness sake. Matthew 5:10,11
   2. Blessed are you when you are reviled, persecuted, and spoken evil of.
   3. Jesus teaches us to rejoice in persecution. Peter did because he was counted worth to suffer. Acts 5:41

D. Some rejoice in careers
   1. Too often today’s hero is tomorrows heal. Success today may be failure tomorrow.
   2. Hard times, like ours can turn the most admired and
successful into the unemployed.
3. Seek to be what the Lord wants you to be in your field of interest and work.

III. The Favor and Our Rejoicing

A. The Lord loves you.
1. John 3:16 is a glorious comforting passage of Scripture.
2. Read Hebrews 12:6 and understand the Lord’s great love for you.
3. Nothing can separate us from His love according to Romans 8:39

B. The Lord is all things to His people.
1. David said the Lord was His rock, fortress, deliverer, shield, horn of salvation high tower, refuge, and Savior. II Samuel 22:2,3
2. The Lord wants to be our all in all. “The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.” Psalm 23:1
3. When we value our relationship to Him, we can truly rejoice.

C. The Lord is good to His people.
1. The 23rd Psalm of David says it all. We have been blessed by the truth in this short Psalm.
2. David teaches us goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives. This will surely happen. Psalm 23:6

IV. The Faith and Rejoicing

A. A holy faith
1. Our faith is to be in the Lord. It is impossible to please the Lord without faith. Hebrew 11:6
2. The flesh and mind will not trust Him. There is part of us that will never submit to the Lord. Romans 8:7
3. It is holy to trust the Lord. It is holiness that enables us to trust Him.

B. A heart faith
1. The wise man wrote, we are to trust the Lord with the whole heart. Proverbs 3:5
2. What we call faith is often shallow, fleshly, and earthly calculation.
3. We are to trust Him completely and wholly. After we examine our lives, we may see we have failed to do this.

C. A healthy faith
1. Many of our health problems results from too much worry and stress in daily life.
2. The heart, stomach, blood pressure, and nerves are affected by the way we look at life and feel about it.
3. How wonderful are the times that we can rest, be at peace, and rejoice in the Lord knowing He is in control.
V. The Fruit and Rejoicing

A. Proper evaluation
1. The son goes, Jesus is all the world to me. We owe everything to the Lord and His salvation.
2. Paul belied to live was Christ and to die was gain. Philippians 1:21
3. All earthly possessions lose their value or fade into the background in comparison to the Lord and what we have in Him.

B. A proper exaltation
1. When we obey this command, we will be praising and exalting our precious Lord.
2. Paul wanted to know Jesus. He wanted to experience the fellowship of His suffering and the Power of the resurrection. Philippians 3:10
3. Our speech, life, attitudes, and actions should exalt the Savior.

C. A proper enjoyment
1. We can enjoy living in difficult times with the help of the Lord.
2. We can enjoy our salvation and the Lord’s service.
3. We can enjoy Christian fellowship with our brethren around God’s Word.

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