



'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus



" 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to take Him at His word;
just to rest upon His promise,
just to know 'Thus saith the Lord.'
O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust His cleansing blood,
just in simple faith to plunge me
'neath the healing, cleansing flood.

"Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
just from sin and self to cease,
just from Jesus simply taking
life and rest and joy and peace.
I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
and I know that Thou art with me,
wilt be with me to the end.

"Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him;
how I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus,
O for grace to trust Him more!"

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusts in Thee. Trust in the Lord forever, for in the Lord God is everlasting strength." - Isaiah 26:4,5

"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust!' " - Psalm 91:1-2

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." - Proverbs 3:5,6

We live in a day where the Word of God is considered to be outdated, foolish, and even dangerous. We can be easily deceived by Satan's distortions of the truth. This leaves us in a state of confusion, resting on our own understanding rather than trusting in Jesus as we rest upon His promises.

" 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" was written out of a young mother's broken heart. Louisa Stead was enjoying a family picnic with her husband and little daughter when a drowning boy cried for help. Her husband rushed to save him, but both of them drowned as they watched helplessly from the shore. The words of the hymn were written following this tragic event, and soon after Louisa and her daughter left for missionary work in South Africa. She served there for 25 years before her own death, and her fellow missionaries wrote this tribute:

"We miss her very much, but her influence goes on as our 5,000 native Christians continually sing this hymn in their native language." Louisa's ministry continues today each time we sing and apply the truth of the words she penned so long ago.

In Luke 4:9-12, Satan challenged Jesus to prove that He was indeed the Son of God by jumping off the pinnacle of the temple. After all, this should be easy enough, since the angels would sweep in and catch Him on the way down. According to the historian Josephus, this was a drop of nearly 450 feet, which would surely be a fatal fall. Satan quotes Psalm 91:11-12 as his proof text, but he twists the meaning to suit his evil purposes.

Jesus answered him emphatically that Scripture teaches us not to put the Lord God to the test. He used the example of Israel's experience in the wilderness, recorded in Exodus 17:1-7, where the grumbling people demanded that Moses produce water where there was none. God told him to strike the rock and water came out of it for the people to drink. Moses called the place Massah and Meribah, meaning "testing" and "contending" because of the quarrel that had taken place there. This was a disappointing response after they had seen God's miraculous care and guidance for them as He delivered them from Egypt.

On the contrary, there is one Scripture where God does invite us to test Him, in the sense of proving His faithfulness to those who trust Him. We hear God's words in Malachi 3:10, which reads,

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this, says the Lord, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows."

Throughout their generations, Israel had sinned against God and robbed Him of tithes and offerings that should have been rendered from thankful hearts. He wanted them to learn that they could reap the abundant blessings of God in response to their giving. May we find the peace that comes from trusting Jesus in every situation as we learn to take Him at His Word.