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**Trust in God**

***Jeremiah 17:5-10***

**Topic:** Faith

**Subject:** Why trust in God?

**Complement:** Trust in God brings blessing—not a curse and deceived heart.

**Purpose:** The listeners will trust the Lord.

# Introduction

### Interest: We trust in God or man.

### Need: Are you trusting in God?

### Subject: Why trust in God?

### Background: Jeremiah lived in a very instable time when kings sought to trust in Egypt, Babylon, Aram, or Assyria.

### Preview: Three movements include a curse, blessing, and description of the heart.

# I. We are cursed when we trust in man (5-6).

## We trust in God or man—one or the other—but we experience a curse when “draw strength from mere flesh” (5b).

## Trust in man leads us into a spiritual wilderness (6).

## Israel trusted in Assyria and Egypt (2:18).

## Trust in people is like faith in a broken cistern (2:12).

## We often make our plans by trusting in our gifting, family, money, passport country, or something else far less reliable than God.

# II. We are blessed when we trust in God (7-8).

## Confidence and trust in God leads to blessing (7).

## Trust in God is like a tree planted by a refreshing stream (8a).

## Such a tree has consistent input and consequent fruit (8b).

## Hezekiah led the people to trust in the Lord and saw 185,000 Assyrian soldiers dead.

## Austin had to leave Jordan 14 months to care for his wife, but the Lord restored them to their ministry here.

# III. Our heart deceives us (9-10).

## Nothing is more deceitful than the human heart (9)!

## God alone knows our hearts and he alone will reward us based on our deeds (10).

# Conclusion

### Trust in God brings blessing—not a curse and deceived heart (MI).

### Trust the Lord!