

# Trustworthiness

**Titus 1:2** [NIV] *“a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time,”*

Our whole future life hinges on the fact that we can trust all the promises that the Creator God has made in His Word, the Christian Bible.

**Acts 4:12** [NIV] *“Salvation is found in no-one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”*

Our salvation from eternal death that is all that our sinful lives can earn, [**Romans 6:23**] is only through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Acts 16:30-31** [NIV] *“He then brought them out and asked, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ They replied, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.’”*

Belief in what God has done for all humanity through the life, death and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ will bring us salvation from death.

**Romans 10:9-10** [NIV] *“That if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.”*

Confessing that Jesus is our Lord and believe that He overcame death through His resurrection.

**We can trust these and all other promises of our Creator God.**

**We can trust God’s Word, can God and other human beings trust our word?**

I want to study several scriptures in God’s Word, the Christian Bible, that show it is imperative that we have this characteristic.

**Ecclesiastes 5:2** [King James] *“Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.”*

We are warned by our Creator God to think long and well before we make a promise to Him or any other human being.

**Ecclesiastes 7:8** [NIV] *“The end of a matter is better than its beginning, and patience is better than pride.”*

Pride could be behind an impulsive promise.

It is best to consider the end, fulfilling what we have promised, rather than the beginning of a promise we may **not** be able to fulfil.

**Ecclesiastes 5:3** [King James] *“For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool’s voice is known by multitude of words.”*

To accomplish a goal much work is involved, to boast about what you will accomplish is the proof that you are foolish and **cannot** be trusted.

**Ecclesiastes 5:7** [NIV] *“Much dreaming and many words are meaningless. Therefore stand in awe of God.”*

Many plans and much talk about them is meaningless and this could also be the result of allowing pride to rule.

**Proverbs 25:14** [NIV] *“Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of gifts he does not give.”*

Again we see a person who **cannot** be trusted, making promises without producing.

**Proverbs 20:6** [King James] *“Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?”*

Many people proclaim their self-righteousness, **not** realising how the Creator God looks on such an attitude, [**Isaiah 64:6**].

The type of person the Creator God is looking for must be faithful to Him. The Hebrew word translated “*faithful*” is “*êmûwn*” meaning trustworthy and established, always fulfilling their promises.

God is teaching us by His own personal example of always fulfilling what He has promised.

**Proverbs 20:7** [King James] *“The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.”*

We are to teach our children by personal example of trustworthiness, then we and they will be blessed by the Creator God, for we are proving we are true created children of God.