

GOD'S MOSAIC: TRUSTING IN GOD'S PLAN

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TEXT—Heb. 11:20-22

MAIN IDEA—Christians are to trust in God's plan because everything in our lives is a small piece of a larger picture ultimately designed by God.

MEMORY VERSE—Prov. 19:21

1. THREE PICTURES OF RIPENED FAITH (Heb. 11:20-22)—

The writer of Hebrews summarizes the faith of 3 patriarchs who followed Abraham: Isaac his son, Jacob his grandson, and Joseph his great grandson. **Heb. 11:13** says, "All these died in faith." This is a fitting description of Isaac, Jacob and Joseph.

Gen. 25:19-28; Gen. 27:18-29

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After God changed Jacob's name to Israel and reunited him with Joseph at the end of his life, Joseph brought his two sons (Ephraim and Manasseh) to be blessed by Jacob (**Gen. 48:8-21**).

***Heb. 11:22** goes to the end of Joseph's life. Joseph recalls his great grandfather Abraham's prophecy about his descendants being enslaved to Egypt for 400 years, after which God would deliver them (**Gen. 15:13-14**).

Gen. 50:20, 24-26; Ex. 13:19

2. GOD'S UNFAILING PLAN—The Bible teaches that God's plan centers on the work of Jesus Christ for the salvation of sinners. It is in Christ that the promises to Abraham have come true.

Gal. 3:29

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*God's plan cannot be *manipulated*. We can't manipulate God's will because we cannot discern it except as He has spoken it in His word.

*God's plan cannot be *taken for granted*. Whenever we are sure of what God has in store for us, we are likely to be surprised.

*God's plan cannot *fail*. **Prov. 19:21**

Is. 46:9-10

****God's got it all Control.** The biblical view of human history is that it is God's story unfolding in real time and space. The Bible clearly teaches God's providential control over: the universe at large (**Ps. 103:19; Dan. 4:35; Eph. 1:11**); the physical world (**Ps. 104:14; 135:6; Matt. 5:45**); the animal kingdom (**Ps. 104:21, 28; Matt. 6:26; 10:29**); the affairs of nations (**Ps. 22:28; 66:7; Acts 17:26**);

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man's birth and lot in life (**1 Sam 16:1; Ps. 139:16; Is. 45:5; Gal. 1:15-16**); the outward success and failures of men's lives (**Ps. 75:6-7; Lk. 1:52**); things seemingly accidental or insignificant (**Prov. 16:33; Matt. 10:29-31**); the protection of the righteous (**Ps. 4:8; 5:12; 63:8; 121:3; Rom. 8:28**); supplying the needs of God's people (**Gen. 22:8,14; Deut. 8:3; Phil. 4:19**); giving answers to prayer (**1 Sam. 1:19; Is. 20:5,6; 2 Chron. 33:13; Ps. 65:2; Matt. 7:7; Lk. 18:7,8**) and the exposure and punishment of the wicked (**Ps. 7:12-13; 11:6**).

3. THE BLESSINGS OF TRUSTING IN GOD'S PLAN—There are several blessings related to trusting in the truth of God's sovereignty over all things in His creation.

Awareness of God's Sovereignty:

>deepens our respect for the true and living God (Jer. 32:17-20).

>gives comfort during trials, temptation or sorrow. Jas. 1:1-4.

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>provides encouragement and joy in evangelism. 1 Cor. 1:21.

>gives a deep sense of security. Rom. 8:38-39

Phil. 1:6

CONCLUSION

**God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform,
He plants His footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm,
deep in his dark and hidden mines, with never-failing skill,
He fashions all His bright designs and works His sovereign will.**

**So, God we trust in You, O God we trust in You, When
tears are great, and comforts few, We hope in mercies
ever new, We trust in You.**

Prov. 3:5-6

**Scriptural Prayers that build faith in God & his plan:
(Matt. 6:9-13 & Col. 1:9-13)**