

Bible/College Class Notes – Motto Text 2024

This is Our Motto Text for 2024

This week – we learn that God is absolutely trustworthy. He is immutable – He never changes.

“Let all who put their trust in Thee rejoice.”

Psalm 5v11.

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Psalm 5 (Rejoice in the Salvation of the Lord)	
Monday	1 Peter 1 (Kept by the power of God through faith)	
Tuesday	Isaiah 26v1-12 (Trust in the LORD and be at peace)	
Wednesday	Provers 3v1-13 (Trust in the LORD with all thine heart)	
Thursday	Psalm 31 (Be glad and rejoice in the mercy of the LORD)	
Friday	Psalm 34 (O taste and see that the LORD is good)	
Saturday	Philippians 4v1-9 (Think on the things of the Spirit)	

Important Thought for us Today: Do You Make New Year Resolutions? Have you managed to keep them? We must admit that we fail to keep them because we have made them in our own strength, and very soon they lapse and are broken. It is good to be resolved to do the right thing, but we need the **resolve of faith** to keep our promise to God to be a Christian. Faith is the gracious gift of God, (Ephesians 2v8). This is the work of God The Holy Spirit, (Ephesians 2v1). It is He Who quickens us, (to bring us alive to God through the New Birth), such that we can be resolved to hate our sin, turn from it, and repent: believing in the Saviour Who died on Calvary as our substitute. It is this gift of faith from God which causes us to take note of Christ calling us to seek and find Him and which enables us to exercise it to truly repent our sin and be saved.

Earnestly seek the Lord in prayer for His gift of Saving Faith. Ask for a repentant heart.

Hymn 393, Everyone who sincerely trusts the Lord will rejoice and can sing this hymn.

1. I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee,
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.
2. I am trusting Thee for pardon;
At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy,
Trusting now.
3. I am trusting Thee to guide me,
Thou alone shalt lead,
Every day and hour supplying
All my need.
5. I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Never let me fall;
I am trusting Thee for ever,
And for all.

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

The Joy of Trusting in, and Rejoicing, in the Salvation of the Lord.

• Everyone trusts in something. What are we trusting in?

- We trust a chair when we sit on it. We trust the school we attend to teach us correctly. If someone is selling us something, we must wisely check that they are honest, and the product is reliable and safe to use.
- We must beware of scams and those who are untrustworthy and out to deceive.

We must be careful to understand the truth of God found in His Word, the Bible.

• Consider the following People who Trusted God.

- **Noah** – knew nothing of rain yet believed God and spent 120 years building the ark to God’s design while others mocked. Noah believed that the Lord would rescue his family and the animals from the judgement to come (**Genesis 6.12-22**).
- **Jochebed and Miriam** – Moses’ mother, Jochebed, hid him at great risk, first at home and then in a basket amongst bulrushes on the bank of the river Nile. **She trusted** that the Lord would keep him safe (**Exodus 2.2-9**).
- **Abraham** – left the comforts of Ur for a life in tents. Later he would be prepared to sacrifice his longed for only child believing – but not knowing for sure – that the Lord would somehow raise him up to fulfil His promise (**Hebrews 11.8-10, 17-19**).
- **Joseph** – in prison on false charges, trusted that he would not be forgotten. He waited patiently, **fully trusting God**. (**Genesis 39.20-23, 40.14-15, 41.38-40**).
- **Esther** – showed great courage and trusted that the Lord had put her in a useful position, enabling her to get a vital hearing from the king (**Esther 4.11, 5.1-3**).
- **Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego** – trusted in the Lord’s protection as they walked in the burning fiery furnace, determined not to give in to idolatry (**Daniel 3**).
- **The Roman Centurion** – believed that a single word from the Lord Jesus could miraculously heal his servant (**Matthew 8.5-10**). He was rewarded for his faith.
- **The Woman** with an issue of blood – having spent much money on doctors, trusted that a simple touch of the Lord’s garment could heal her (**Luke 8.43-48**).
- **William Carey** – had laboured in India for seven years without an Indian convert but trusted that the Lord would grant fruit from the missionary endeavour.

• All these people were tested by life and found that the Lord met all their needs.

- From cover to cover, the Bible separates **‘those that put their trust in Thee’** from those who refused to trust in God, their Creator and Lord.

There might be tests of different kinds for each of us in the year ahead. Believers, and unbelievers alike, encounter difficulties and challenges in life. (e.g. disappointments, sickness, grief, injustices, natural disasters, wars, etc.), but our motto text is clear that only one group will ultimately rejoice. **It is only those that put their trust in the Lord as their Saviour.**

So, we must ask, “What or Who am I trusting in?” Read the words of our hymn.

Isaiah wrote from his experience, “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee.” Isaiah 26v3.