

Trusting God in Times of Trouble



Read: *Trusting God in Times of Trouble (CBCG)*

Why do you think it is hard to trust God sometimes?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



God's Blessing on Joseph's Sons

Why do you think these terrible things are happening to America?

Jacob was the father of _____.

Joseph's 2 sons, _____ & _____, were blessed by Jacob before he died.



Ephraim & Manasseh

Place the correct country that eventually formed after each of the son's names.

Ephraim



Manasseh





True or False?

- America used to be a Christian nation founded on the Bible.
- The Bible was the primary print used to learn to read and write.
- Only 3 Presidents have outwardly sought God in times of need for America as a nation.
- God blessed America long before it was formed.
- God's cursing is coming because so many have turned their backs on God.
- In Isaiah 5, God compares America to a vineyard of grapes.
- People in America have very few Bibles, which is why they don't know God & His ways.
- God expected those in such a fruitful land to bear worthless fruit.
- Americans have brought these sorrows upon themselves.



Blessings & Cursings of America

Read Isaiah 5. List some of the blessings & cursings listed there.

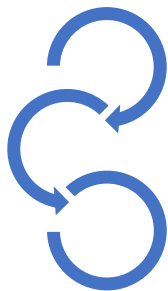
Blessings	Cursings

The laws & commandments of God are automatic. What does this mean? Is this for us as individuals as well?

List some of the woes starting in Isaiah 5:8.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Consider 1 of those woes...what is the end result. Show this cause & effect relationship below with one of the woes.



WOE: _____

RESULT: _____

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Results of Turning Your Back on God

Every time someone turns a back on God, _____ fills the void.

Name 3 ways America has turned its back on God. Then think about how the enemy filled the void where God was removed.

How America Turned Away from God	How Void Was Filled



True or False?

___ We are all personally accountable for our response to God & the response of our country.

___ Satan eagerly fills a void when God is removed.

___ Our current President does seek God for direction.

___ The wealth of this nation is a direct result of its good people.

___ God expected Americans to produce great fruit with what they were given.

___ Our natural resources are blessings from God.

___ It is possible to escape God & the consequences we earn based on our obedience.

___ True Christians are spared from disasters, sickness, pain, & death.

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T V K H N H Q X M B M L A C I R E M A O
 N B M O G M Z Z I H L S W E O D Q S Z D
 X R Z P W L H G M J R E H G O H K X E L
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 Q J V C S E C D G G R C H E N M Q R N I
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EPHRAIM
 JACOB
 REPENT
 WARNING
 OBEDIENCE

MANASSEH
 BLESSINGS
 WOE
 GOOD
 BRITAIN

JOSEPH
 CURSINGS
 AMERICA
 EVIL
 ANGER



IF...

Read Deut. 28 all the way through. Think about what this is saying. God's blessings and cursings happen _____ . They can build up over time. What happens then?

This concept applies to countries, churches, families, & individuals.

If we turn our backs on God, list 5 things that He promises will happen:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



Avoiding the Sins of Others

Read Psalm 25. What must we do?

What has God promised those who are called & obedient to Him? Place a promise in each box below & illustrate it.

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Our Teacher

Those living God's way are _____ by God. Living God's way requires understanding which comes from daily _____ study and _____.

List some places in the Bible to start to study daily that will show you how to live God's way rather than the world's way:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Create a schedule for daily study & prayer. Write in what specific part of the Bible you plan to study each day.

	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sabbath
Time							
Read							
Prayer List							

How can this time in study & prayer make a difference? Check those that apply.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> greater obedience | <input type="checkbox"/> increased understanding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> wisdom | <input type="checkbox"/> decreased freedom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> renewed mind | <input type="checkbox"/> proper life focus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> closer relationship with God | <input type="checkbox"/> guidance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> less time for yourself | <input type="checkbox"/> less stress |

**Journaling your reading & using a prayer schedule with a list of who/what you are praying for will help you track your Spiritual growth & understanding.*



Drawing Close to God

_____ must draw closer to _____.

We do that by...

In return, He promises those who draw near to Him will be...



God's Protection

Read Psalm 91. What are 3 phrases that comfort you in this Psalm?

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If you set your love upon God, He will

If you have God's Spirit in you, He will

Read Psalm 27. What are we do to when trouble comes?

What is God's promise to those walking with Him in times of trouble?

Why is it important that we have built our lives on the Rock?

Illustrate your life built on God, your rock, in the space below.



True or False?

- ___ We will experience difficult trials because of sin in the world.
- ___ We can remain faithful during trials due to our mental toughness.
- ___ God will draw close to us if we cry out to Him.
- ___ It is possible to remain calm in times of disaster, plague, & trial.



God's Direction to Us

Read the last 2-3 pages of the passage and create a list of things God directs us to do. Then rate yourself (1 = low & 10= high) in each of these areas to see how closely you are following His words. Finally, create a short list of what you should do to increase your rating in each area.

God's Direction	My Progress Rating	To Do List

God wants overcomers, but do you think He wants overcomers who think they can overcome with their own strength? Why not?
