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MAN & CHRIST



PUT NOT YOUR TRUST IN PRINCES!

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Psalm 146: 3-7

*"Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there
is no salvation.*

*When his breath departs, he
returns to the earth; on that
very day his plans perish.
Blessed is he whose help is the
God of Jacob, whose hope is in
the Lord his God, who made
heaven and earth, the sea, and
all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the
oppressed, who gives food to
the hungry."*

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King David had profound wisdom because his thoughts were after God's thoughts and his heart after God's heart.

We put too much trust in man and too much trust in ourselves. So David points out that there is no hope in man or salvation in man. If there was salvation in man, God would not have sent his one and only Son into the world to save man from his sin and death. Often we don't like to admit this but we do think and do believe that there is hope and salvation in man and in ourselves.

What is the reason that we should not trust and hope in man? Why is salvation not found in man? Well, King David continues and says the reason is because man will one day return to dust and all his plan as good and promising as it sounds, it will all perish with him. The book of Ecclesiastes says "all go to one place. All are from dust, and to dust all return."

We can't find any hope or salvation in man is because those promises can't be trusted. Man's promises will change and it will fail. But God's plans always work and are perfect. We can only trust in what God is doing (his work) and he is building a Kingdom that will not perish. His plans are eternal and will stand the test of time.

King Jesus is building a Kingdom through the Church. He has set up a tight ship so that his will that is published in our Bibles through the "the apostles and prophets" will be done accordingly - to the letter! He has given pastors, teachers, and evangelists to faithfully teach and proclaim his will to his people so that "each will be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Jesus has defeated our arch enemy Satan, "the reason the Son of Man appeared is to destroy the works of the devil" is so that we stop following his lies and start working on building the Kingdom that he started from the beginning of time. As Jesus encouraged us to "seek his Kingdom and righteousness and all these things will be added to you as well."

Jesus has also given us access to the throne of God, the Temple in Heaven, the capital city, *through prayer* so that our Father who has all the resources that we need for his children to build his Kingdom are all in his hands for our use. He is the source of all good things. All we need to do is submit to his plans and humbly ask, seek, and knock for the resources that we need to build his Kingdom his way. God loves prayers that are done in knowledge, understanding, and wisdom accordingly to his truth!

Jesus as the Head of the Church has given us everything that the Church needs to be successful building His Kingdom. And as we submit ourselves to his plans that will not perish and not man's, he will say to us "Well done good and faithful Church (servants)!"

So RCCC, let us not as King David tells us, "trust not in princes or the son of man" but trust in King Jesus for he has given us a plan, a Kingdom that will not perish but will last forever, for his glory. Amen.

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不要倚靠君王！

崔必榮牧師

詩篇146:3-7:

“你們不要倚靠君王，不要倚靠世人，
他一點不能幫助。
他的氣一斷，就歸回塵土，他所打算
的當日就消滅了。
以雅各的神為幫助，仰望耶和華他神
的，這人便為有福！
耶和華造天、地、海和其中的萬物，
祂守誠實直到永遠。
祂為受屈的申冤，賜食物於飢餓的”。

大衛王極有智慧，因為他的思想追隨神的思想，他的心合乎神的心意。我們太倚靠人，太倚靠自己，所以大衛王指出人靠不住，人不能拯救人。如果人能夠施行拯救，神就不會差遣祂的獨生愛子到世上來拯救人類脫離罪和死。我們不願意承認，但實際上我們常常以為並相信可以靠人靠己得救。

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為什麼我們不應該倚靠人？為什麼在人沒有拯救？大衛王接著說，這是因為人終有一天要歸於塵土，他所打算的，無論聽起來多好，前景多麼美妙，都要隨他消亡。傳道書云，“都歸一處，都是出於塵土，也都歸於塵土”。

我們在人身上找不到盼望和拯救，因為那些許諾靠不住。人的應許會改變，會落空，但是神的計劃始終有效，永遠完美。我們只能倚靠神所做的（祂的工作），祂在建立永不朽壞的國度，祂的計劃是永恆的，能經受時間的考驗。

耶穌王正在通過教會建造國度，祂建立了一艘周密的方舟，祂通過聖經中“眾使徒和先知”所宣告的旨意將會分毫不差地成就！祂差派牧師、教師、宣教士忠心地教導祂的百姓，傳揚祂的旨意，使他們“得以完全，預備行各樣的善事”。

耶穌已經勝過了我們的死敵撒旦，“神的兒子顯現出來，為要除滅魔鬼的作為”，使我們不再聽從魔鬼的謊言，而是開始建造神自造天地以來就已動工的神的國度，正如耶穌鼓勵我們“先求祂的國和祂的義，這些東西都要加給你們了”。

耶穌還使我們通過禱告可以到達神的寶座前，天上的聖殿、都城。我們建造祂的國度所需的一切，我們的天父都為祂的孩子們預備好了。祂是一切美善的源頭，我們只需要順從祂的計劃，謙卑地祈求、尋找、叩門，照祂的意思建造國度所需的一切就必賜給我們。神喜愛合乎祂真理的有知識有智慧的禱告！

耶穌作為教會的頭，已經將成功建造祂的國度所需的一切賜給了我們，當我們順從祂不朽的計劃而不是人的計劃，祂將會對我們說，“好，你這又良善又忠心的教會（僕人）！”

因此，羅城華人基督教會的弟兄姐妹們，讓我們如大衛王所言，“不要倚靠君王，不要倚靠世人”，而是信靠耶穌王，因祂為自己的榮耀已經給了我們一個計劃，一個不朽的、要存到永遠的國度。
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