

## Devotion by Braden Roten

In Whom Do You Trust: God or Government?

Psalm 118:8-9, 146:3, & 46:1

In the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, it is hard to know who we can really trust. Should we trust the “experts?” The government? Are we supposed to depend on them to keep us safe? Or to tell us when it is safe to get back to “normal” again? For the Christian, we can look to God’s Word for answers and help in these troubling times.

Psalm 118:8 tells us it is better to trust in God than in man (This would include the experts). Verse 9 tells us the same of princes (government). Psalm 146:3 expressly tells us not to trust in Princes or man, “in whom there is no help.” This is not to say we should not seek wise counsel, for Proverbs tells us many times to do so. But ultimately, wisdom comes from God and therefore cannot contradict God (Proverbs 21:30). If the advice or even commands of the experts or government opposes God’s wisdom. “We ought to obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29)

There should be no reason for us to worry about who we should trust. For “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (Psalm 46:1). We serve the God

who created and controls the universe! We serve a God who parted the Red Sea! We serve a God who delivered 3 men out of the fiery furnace! I'm sure you've seen God work wonders time and time again in your life, why should you doubt him now? Do you not think that God can keep you and your loved ones safe? In this Spiritual warfare, did God say to only serve and trust him when it was "safe" to do so?

So, I ask you fellow Christian soldier, in whom do you trust: God or Government?