

September 20th – The Source of My Trust

“Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, and rely on horses, who trust in chariots because they are many, and in horsemen because they are very strong, but who do not look to the Holy One of Israel or seek the Lord.” (Isa. 31:1)

Where do you place your trust? When you think about it, there are a variety of options. Some place their trust in our economy. They think that through stocks, bonds, and various other investments that they will find the security they’re searching for. Some place their trust in education. Through academic pursuits they hope to find the answers to all life’s questions. Some have placed their trust in hard work. They’re convinced that if they can just land the right job and work long and hard enough, all of life’s details will fall in place.

While financial security, education, and hard work are all commendable, we misplace our trust if we put it in any of these. We’re not the first ones to place our trust in the wrong things. Years after Israel had been released from their bondage in Egypt, they had a new threat surrounding them. The Assyrians were threatening to attack and displace Israel from their land. Rather than turning to “the Holy One of Israel” to protect them, they actually turned to Egypt – the nation that had enslaved them for over 400 years!

Unfortunately, Israel failed to remember how God had delivered them through many amazing signs, wonders, and miracles. Is it possible that we also forget to trust in God? Why is it that we turn to everything and everyone besides our Creator when we are in need of help? The truth is that if we would keep our trust in God, we probably wouldn’t find ourselves in a mess to begin with. Let’s make the declaration of the psalmist our own – “Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God” (Psalm 20:7).