

The Faithfulness of God

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I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. We often read in the Bible about the responsibility of Christians to be "faithful unto God." Such scriptures as Revelations 2:10 which says, " be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life," is just one example. But did you also realize that there are several scriptures in the Bible that talk about God and His "faithfulness" in His dealings with man?
- B. Let's look at some of these scriptures together.

II. GOD IS FAITHFUL!

- A. The fact that God is "faithful" in His relationship with man should be of tremendous encouragement to all of us. (Heb. 13:5,6; Heb. 6:13-20)
- B. And the fact that God cannot lie is a constant reassurance to us that what God says is always true. (Titus 1:1-2).
- C. We can thus, have confidence in the "faithfulness of God" in His dealings with man.
- D. Let's look at some of the areas where God is "faithful" in His relationship with man.

III. GOD IS FAITHFUL IN KEEPING HIS PROMISES!

- A. Every promise that God has ever made He has fulfilled.
 - 1. He promised a child to Abraham and Sarah after they were past the age of childbearing, and yet this promise was fulfilled. (Gen. 15:1-4, 17:15- 22; 18:9 15: 21:1-8)
 - 2. He promised Abraham and his descendants a large portion of land and He fulfilled this promise also. (Gen. 13:13-17; Joshua 21:43-45)
 - 3. He promised the world a Saviour and He likewise fulfilled this promise. (Is. 7:14; Micah 5:2; Lk. 2:1-14)
- B. God has promised "eternal life" to all those who faithfully serve Him. Because God has always "kept His promises" in times past, we can know of a surety that this promise will likewise be fulfilled. (Titus 1:1-2; 1 Jn. 2:25)

IV. GOD IS FAITHFUL IN FORGIVING US OUR SINS!

- A. This is another of God's wonderful promises that He has made to man. (1 Jn. 1:7-9)
- B. There is no "outward sign" from God that our sins are forgiven when we repent of them. Our confidence lies in the "faithfulness of God." (2 Cor. 7:10; Rom. 6:3-4)

V. GOD IS FAITHFUL TO US IN TIMES OF TEMPTATION!

- A. God always "provides a way out" of temptation and He will not allow you to be "tempted above that ye are able." (1 Cor. 10:13)
- B. When we sin against God, it is not because God has failed to live

up to His promise of "providing a way out," but rather because we have not sought that escape that God did provide. (Gen. 39:7-12 & 2 Sam. 11:2-5)

C. When you are tempted to sin against God, look for "the way out," and it will be there. (Remember: GOD IS FAITHFUL!)

VI. GOD IS FAITHFUL IN ESTABLISHING HIS PEOPLE!

- A. God has made ample provision for Christians that we might be "fully established in the faith." (2 Thess. 3:1)
 - 1. Through the study of the word of God, we can receive God's approval on our lives and greater knowledge which will lead to greater confidence in God. (2 Tim. 2:15) (God's communication with man!)
 - 2. Through the avenue of prayer, we are able to tell God about the anxieties and cares that we have. (Phil. 4:6 7; Heb. 4:14-16) (Christians speaking to God!)
 - 3. Through "worship," we draw closer to God and gain the spiritual fortification that we need to become "grounded and settled in the faith." (Heb. 10:21-25; Col. 1:23)
- B. On top of all this, God has "blessed us with all spiritual blessings in His Son Jesus Christ." (Eph. 1:3)

1. The Bible!	5. Forgiveness and Mercy!
2. Prayer!	6. Compassion and Understanding!
3. Worship!	7. Providence of God Working In Our Lives! (Mt. 6:25 33)
4. A Faithful and Merciful	8. The Hope of Eternal Life! High Priest! (Heb. 6:18 20)

C. All of these things work together to enable us to be "established in the faith" and to be "kept from evil."

VII. GOD IS FAITHFUL IN KEEPING OUR SOULS!

- A. The little child's prayer that we probably all said when growing up comes from the scriptures. (1 Pet. 4:12-19)

"Now I lay me down to sleep.
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
And if I die before I wake.
I pray thee Lord my soul to take."
- B. When we are called upon to suffer as Christians, we should "entrust our souls" into the hands of God. We can have full confidence and trust that God will "keep our souls safe" during these difficult times. (Rev. 1:17-18)

VIII. CONCLUSION:

A. Now that we fully understand that our Father in Heaven is "faithfully watching over us" in all these things, let us now be more determined to be "faithful unto Him" as well! (1 Cor. 15:58; Rev. 2:10)

B. There is one last area where God is "faithful" in His dealings with man: that is, in His calling people to "obey the Gospel!" (1 Cor. 1:9; Acts 10:34-35; 2 Thess. 2:13-14)