

The Faithfulness of God

Introduction

- A. In matters of importance man continually seeks for that which "works". One of the characteristics of what "works" is that it does so again and again. We want the brakes on the car "fixed"; the disease "cured"; the worker to "produce".
- B. What we really seek in all of these areas is the truth* The skeptic as well as the Christian demands "truth" concerning the bank balance and the doctor's prescription.
- C. It is a great comfort to know that God is not only "true" but the "Truth" (John 14:6) Because God is such He is faithful, i.e., absolutely reliable. He is not arbitrary or fickle!

Know therefore that the Lord thy God, He is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations. Deut. 7:9

- 1. God always acts in harmony with His character.
- 2. God always acts in harmony with His Word.

I. God is faithful in His invitation to fellowship, I Cor. 1:9.

God is faithful, by Whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Observation: This invitation has not been given to mock us nor will it be withdrawn. The violation to fellowship comes from sinful man. To fellowship with God is one of the Christian's highest honors.

II. God is faithful in the believer's temptation, I Cor. 10:13.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man, but God is faithful, Who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Observation: The faithfulness of God is a reminder that we need never fall into sin. He has promised to keep us.

III. God is faithful in His call to live for Him and to serve Him, I Thess. 5:24.

Faithful is He that calleth you, Who also will do it.

Observation: God pledges in this passage to supply whatever we need to successfully live for Him and to serve Him.

IV. God is faithful to protect and preserve His children, II Thess. 3:3.

But the Lord is faithful. Who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

Observation: It is the reality of God's faithfulness that enables the believer to face the future of each day with hope and assurance.

V. God is faithful to Himself in spite of our failures, II Tim. 2:13

If we believe not, yet He abideth faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

Observation: This is the genuine meaning of faithfulness. God is not fickle, He does not act out of harmony with His Holiness.

VI. God is faithful in the execution of His priesthood, Hebrews 2:17.

Wherefore in all things it behoved Him (Jesus Christ) to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

Observation: A priest is one who assumes responsibility for the welfare of another. Jesus Christ has done that for every believer. He is faithful in the execution of His task.

VII. God is faithful to His promises, Hebrews **10:23**.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering} for He is faithful that promised.

Observation: God has given His Word. He is honest, reliable and will not fail in fulfilling what He has promised.

VIII. God is faithful in forgiving His children, I John 1:9.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Observation: To be forgiven is almost too good to be true. But the faithfulness of God stands behind His Word.

IX. God is faithful and has manifested this in the Title of His Son, Rev. 1:5.

And from Jesus Christ, Who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.

Observation: Jesus Christ is the revelation of God -- of the Truth. He is the Faithful Witness -- He witnesses to the truth.

Conclusion: God expects us to rest into and to practice His faithfulness.

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