

Faithfulness of God

The faithfulness of God is true and has been proven many times. In the Holy Scriptures/Bible, we can see that God is faithful and His Word is true. The Hebrew word translated "faithfulness" means "steadfastness, firmness, True, trustworthy and constant in the performance of duties or services, the fulfilment of promises or obligations. The opposite of being faithful is to be ever-changing or wishy-washy. "But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one"(2TH3:3) God remains faithful to God's people, both fulfilling and promising to all the promises. God's faithfulness to His promises discharging every aspect of the covenant He had made, they are "Yes" in Christ. Lord great is your faithfulness (LAM3:21-32; 2CO1:20) Hebrews 6:18 says God cannot lie, nor can He break an unconditional promise that He says He will fulfil. Every covenant He made is kept. Every promise or foretelling has or will come true. Testimony after testimony of God's faithfulness is certainly found throughout the Bible and is still given in testimonies by people today. In fact, accounts of covenants between God and His people can be found approximately 277 times in the Bible. And the promise of "Do not afraid" mention 365 times. Deuteronomy 7:9 says "Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments."

Faithfulness of God – Examples

The faithfulness of God is evident in His relationship with the Israel people. God made a land covenant with Abraham (patriarch of many nations) and has never withdrawn what He has promised. Though the Jewish people have been scattered around the world, God promised they would return to the land He promised Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all their descendants (Zechariah 8:7-8). Among God's fulfilled promises was that the people of Israel would again become a nation in the land He says is theirs. This prophecy made in the Old Testament was fulfilled in May of 1948. Since then, the Jewish people have been returning home.

More examples of God's faithfulness to keep His covenants with others are found in the following verses:

- To Noah (God will save Noah and his family) – Genesis 6:17-18; 9:9-17
- To Ishmael (God will bless Ishmael and his descendants) – Genesis 17:18-20
- To Moses (God will spare the Israelites if they obey) – Exodus 19:5
- To Jacob (God reaffirms everlasting covenant to Israel) – Psalm 105:10

There are literally dozens more scriptures of God's faithfulness. None however may be the most life-changing as those that proclaim His forgiveness of our sins. There are many Old Testament prophecies promising a coming Messiah/Christ or Saviour. God's faithful promise was fulfilled in the New Testament when He sent Jesus to atone for our sins. No matter what sins we have committed, no matter how "bad" we are, God is faithful to forgive us if we accept Jesus and repent of our sins.

- God sent His Son, (Matthew 1:21-22) through Him we have everlasting life – John 3:16
- Christ died for our atonement of sin – 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10
- God's promise to remove sins – Romans 11:25-27
- God ordained Jesus, author of eternal salvation – Hebrews 5:5-10
- God will toss our sin into the depths of the sea (never to be remembered again) - Micah 7:18-19

Faithfulness of God - The Promises

God is so faithful that anyone who seeks Him can find Him. Faith is a gift, but even a gift must be opened to be enjoyed. As we implement our faith, we begin to realize more about God's faithfulness to us.

- 1 Corinthians 1:9 - "God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful."
- 1 Corinthians 10:13 - "No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so you can stand up under it."
- 2 Thessalonians 3:3 - "The Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one."

In 1 John 1:9 we are told, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." With absoluteness we can have the confidence that God will forgive us.

He is the only true God (John 17:3) Since He has made this promise, and we know He cannot break His word, we know that it would be contrary to His nature and that He cannot lie (Numbers 23:19). Our God is a faithful God and there is no other that can do all He can and has done. Because GOD is faithful... I will trust Him to always keep His promises.

"O Lord God of Heaven's armies! Where is there anyone as mighty as you, O Lord? You are entirely faithful." Psalm 89:8

God is faithful to help you in your need. He will never fail you! He is reliable. He is trustworthy. Your holy and loving God is faithful!

God is faithful to forgive you even when you are unfaithful. Because you are still in a body of flesh, you have a tendency be unfaithful. How encouraging it is to remember God's promise, "If we are unfaithful, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself" (2 Timothy 2:13).

God is faithful to protect you from temptation. Remember, when you are tempted, do not focus on the attractiveness of the temptation, but on God's faithfulness to rescue you from that situation.

God is always faithful to keep His promises. He is ready and able to deliver all He has promised.

Faithfulness is at the heart of all that God is and does. His truthfulness, holiness, love, righteousness, and other attributes ensure His faithfulness. He is incapable of being otherwise.

"God can be trusted to keep His promise."

The Faithfulness of God: Everything God has promised in His Word will surely come to pass.

Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a human being, that he should change his mind.

Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not make it happen?

Hebrews 10:23 And let us hold unwaveringly to the hope that we confess, for the one who made the promise is trustworthy. 1 Corinthians 1:9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into fellowship with his son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

God is faithful to keep his promises

God's promise to the Jews – Those promises or covenants made to the Jews which no stipulation placed on them. Genesis 15:13-14 13 Then the Lord said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a foreign country. They will be enslaved and oppressed for four hundred years. 14 But I will execute judgment on the nation that they will serve. Afterward they will come out with many possessions. The above promise was fulfilled in Ex. 12:41. Exodus 12:41 At the end of the 430 years, on the very day, all the regiments of the Lord went out of the land of Egypt.

The Abrahamic Covenant is yet to be fulfilled. Genesis 15:18-20 18 That day the Lord made a covenant with Abram: "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates River –the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, (compare the above with Deut. 16-20). Others promises: Isaiah 49:7 This is what the Lord, the protector of Israel, their Holy One, says to the one who is despised and rejected by nations, a servant of rulers: "Kings will see and rise in respect, princes will bow down, because of the faithful Lord, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen you." Example: The Mosaic Covenant (Deut. 5:1-33; Deut. 16-17).

God is Faithful to keep his promises to believers.

1 John 1:9 But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous, forgiving us our sins and cleansing us from all unrighteousness. Psalm 84:11 For the Lord God is our sovereign protector. The Lord bestows favor & honor; he withholds no good thing from those who have integrity. Psalm 91:4 He will shelter you with his wings; you will find safety under his wings. His faithfulness is like a shield or a protective wall. Matthew 6:33 But above all pursue his kingdom and righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 1 Corinthians 2:9 But just as it is written, "Things that no eye has seen, or ear heard, or mind imagined, are the things God has prepared for those who love him." 2 Timothy 2:13 If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, since he cannot deny himself. Deuteronomy 7:9 So realize that the Lord your God is the true God, the faithful God who keeps covenant faithfully with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

God is Faithful to keep his promises to the ungodly.

John 3:36 The one who believes in the Son has eternal life. The one who rejects the Son will not see life, but God's wrath remains on him.

How can I learn to trust in the faithfulness of God?

Many places in Scripture extol the faithfulness of God. Lamentations 3:22–23 says, “Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” Psalm 119:89–90 says, “Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues through all generations.” Here faithfulness is equated with God’s Word. God speaks never-ending truth. If God spoke something a thousand years ago, it still stands. He is faithful to His Word, because His Word is an expression of His character. The promises He made still hold true because He does not change (Malachi 3:6). We see this illustrated from a human perspective in a couple married for eighty years. When the wife lies on her deathbed, her husband sits nearby holding her hand. He won’t leave her, even though she no longer recognizes him. He is faithful to the promises he made to her. In the same way, God remains faithful to His promises, even though we are often unfaithful to Him (2 Ti 2:13). We learn to trust God by getting to know His character. There are three ways we can get to know Him: studying His Word, reviewing His working in our own lives, and learning to follow His voice. When we study God’s Word, a pattern develops. We learn that God never changes and never lies (Numbers 23:19; 1 Samuel 15:29). We learn through Scripture that God has never failed in the past (Isaiah 51:6). He was always true to His Word as He worked in the lives of the ancient Israelites. When He said He would do something, He did it (Numbers 11:23; Matthew 24:35). We begin to build trust upon His proven character. We can trust that God will be true to Himself. He will never cease acting like God. He will never cease being sovereign, being holy, or being good (1 Timothy 6:15; 1 Peter 1:16). We learn through our own history that He has never failed us, either. One command God often gave the Israelites was “Remember” (Deuteronomy 8:2; Isaiah 46:9). When they remembered all God had done for them, they could more easily trust Him for the future. We need to intentionally remember all the ways God has provided for us and delivered us in the past. Keeping a prayer journal can help with this. When we recall the ways God has answered our prayers, it equips us to continue asking and expecting answers. When we come to Him in prayer, we know that He always hears us (1 John 5:14; Psalm 34:15). He provides what we need (Philippians 4:19). And He will always make everything work together for our good when we trust Him with it (Romans 8:28). We learn to trust God’s future faithfulness by remembering His past faithfulness. And we can also learn to trust Him by learning to distinguish His voice from the others that compete for attention. Jesus said, “My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me” (John 10:27). We who belong to Jesus need to cultivate the ability to hear Him. He speaks primarily through His Word, but He can also speak through other people, through circumstances, and through the inner confirmation of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:16). As we carefully read and meditate upon Scripture, the Holy Spirit often quickens our hearts to a verse or passage and helps us claim it and apply it to our current situation. What the Spirit shows us in His Word is to be taken by faith as His message to us. We build trust by claiming His promises and applying them to our lives. Above all things, God loves for us to demonstrate faith (Hebrews 11:6). Faith is trusting in the character of God before we see how He is going to work things out. He has given us His Word, and His promises still stand. As we see the ways He brings His promises to fulfillment, our trust in His faithfulness grows. Just as our trust in other people grows with daily interaction, our trust in God grows the same way. We trust Him when we know Him, and to know Him is to trust Him. When we know Him, we can rest in His goodness, even when we don’t understand the circumstances that seem to contradict it. We can trust that God’s plan for us will prevail (Proverbs 19:21). As a child trusts a loving father, we can trust our heavenly Father to always do what is right.

Trustworthy servants must prove themselves to be faithful ministers of Christ.(1CO4:2;CO1:7,4:7) Paul remains faithful to God in spite of pressures(1TI1:12) Timothy is to select teachers who correctly handles the word of truth and exhibit faithfulness. The faithful person is one who can be counted on to carry out his responsibilities, promises to the best of his ability, in all circumstances. It is the person of faith who has the capacity to be faithful in their responsibilities before God and man.(NUM12:7;NEH9:7;DAN6:4) The Spirit of God enables us to remain faithful. They will experience the discipline and courage needed for faithfulness. I can do all things through Him[in Christ] Who gives me strength. (PHI 4:13) A servant is to be faithful to the gifts, abilities, opportunities and God given responsibilities and leave the results to the Master for the Glory of God. For the Christian, faithfulness occurs when we allow the Lord Jesus to reproduce Himself or transformed by His life in us.(COL1:28) He who calls you is faithful and he will do it.(1TH5:24) There is a faithfulness to basic Christian responsibilities for which we are all responsible-prayer, Bible study, loving one another, fellowship and encouragement and edification, giving[money matters], showing mercy. However, there are also specific responsibilities or duties in the will of God that He calls us to do. "even more diligent to make your calling and election sure"(2PE1:10) Our ability to be a blessing to others is dependent on our faithfulness to use our God-given spiritual gifts and talents "because he considered me faithful in putting me into ministry"(1TI1:12) See unfaithfulness of Eli, especially his sons, to discharge their duties in accordance with the conditions prescribed by God's Word.(1SA2:29-33) One of the purposes of the Christian life is ministry where we function not only as good stewards of God's grace, but as servants of others, serving one another in love. Stephen remained strong and true to the very end, his faith never waver.(ACT7:59-60) Paul too was martyred for preaching the very same Truth. Daniel remain faithful in all circumstances. Be faithful witness to Jesus! May God enable us to be faithful to the trusts He has given us that we may hear from the Savior at the Judgment Seat of Christ, Well done, good and faithful servant!(MAT2:23;LUK12:48 Going to Heaven must be our number one priority in this short life here on the earth. You are to be commended for your desire to be faithful to the Lord until death. If we are unfaithful, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself (2TI 2:13)

"Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life" (REV2:10)