

"God is Completely Faithful"

"Your love O LORD reaches to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the skies." (Ps. 36:5)

While we are saved by faith through grace that only works if God Himself is faithful to what He says. God is totally reliable because He is absolutely faithful therefore we can believe Him when He says 'have faith'. God Is so trustworthy that we don't think twice that when we pray He would never answer or that He would not reveal Himself when we spend time in His Word. It is the faithfulness of God that keeps us going every day and yet, while we say we believe in God's faithfulness our actions seem to suggest sometimes we doubt His faithfulness!

ANYONE CAN SEE GOD'S FAITHFULNESS (if they want to!)

God's faithfulness is rooted in His character, not in whether we believe Him or not. For example, how does God demonstrate His faithfulness through the creation?

Gen. 8:22 "As long as the _____ endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, day and night will _____ cease."

Gen. 9:12 "I have set my _____ in the clouds and it will be the sign of My _____ between Me and the _____."

Rom. 5:12 "Therefore, just as _____ entered the world through one man, and _____ through sin, and in this way death came to _____ men because all sinned."

Jer. 32:25 "If I have not established My covenant with _____ and _____ and the _____ laws of heaven and earth, then I will reject the descendants of _____ and _____ My servant and will not choose one of His sons to _____ over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. . . "

WAYS ISRAEL SEES GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

God made Israel many promises. Here's just a few that came true that should remind Israel God is exactly who He claims to be and is completely trustworthy.

Gen. 15:13 "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a _____ not their own and they will be enslaved and mistreated _____ years." [see Ex. 12:41]

Deut. 7:9 "Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; He is the _____ God, keeping His covenant of _____ to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commands."

Jer. 29:10 "When _____ years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you _____ to this place." [see Dan. 9:1-2]

Is. 7:14 “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: the _____ will be with child and will give birth to a _____ and will call him _____.” [see Matt. 1:23]

WAYS WE SEE GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

The evidence of God’s faithfulness is rooted in the promises He makes to us in His Word. How does God’s Word affirm His faithfulness and what are the implications for us?

Look at all the assurances He gives us about our salvation.

1 Cor. 1:8 “He will keep you _____ to the end, so that You will be _____ on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God who has _____ you into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, is _____.”

Phil. 1:6 “Being _____ of this that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to _____ until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Jude 24 “To Him who is _____ to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious _____ without fault and with great _____.”

So how should we respond?

Heb. 10:23 “Let us hold _____ to the _____ we profess for He who promised is _____.”

2 Tim. 1:12 “. . . I know _____ I have believed and am convinced that he is able to _____ what I have entrusted to Him for that day.”

What other assurances does God give us?

Isaiah 55:11 “So is my _____ that goes out of my mouth; It will not return to me _____ but it will accomplish what I desire and achieve the _____ for which I sent it.”

If we truly believe that then this should be our response:

2 Tim. 1:8 “So do not be _____ to testify about our Lord or _____ of me his prisoner but join me in _____ for the gospel by the power of God.”

How about this assurance:

1 Cor. 10:13 “No _____ has seized you except what is common to man. And God is _____; He will not let you be tempted _____ what you can bear. But when you are tempted He will provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.”

Col. 3:1-2 “Since you have been raised with Christ, set your _____ on things above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your _____ on things above, not on _____ things.”

Here’s another great assurance of God’s faithfulness

Phil. 4:6-7 “Do not be anxious about _____ but in _____ by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God and the _____ of God which transcends all understanding _____ guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

***If we believe Phil. 4:6-7 why don’t we obey it?**

How about this assurance:

1 Cor. 15:58 "Therefore my brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves _____ to the _____ of the Lord because you _____ that your labour in the Lord is not in _____"

And yet sometimes we do this:

Gal. 6:9 "Let us not become _____ in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not _____ up."

Here's another great assurance we have from God's Word:

Psalms 16:11 "You have made known to me the path of _____. In Your _____ is fullness of _____ and eternal pleasures at Your right hand."

So then why don't we desire it more and apply these verses?

Psalms 90:14 "_____ us in the morning with Your _____ Love that we may sing for _____ and be _____ all our days."

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