

VEF April 5th, 2020

Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 29:11

Worship in Music

Spirit Song
Great is Thy Faithfulness

Scripture Reading

Psalm 24

Announcements

Worship in the Word

“God is Faithful” - 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Pastor Darren Carter

Benediction

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Questions for Understanding:

1. What does “God is Faithful” mean to you?
2. It is important for the Christian to be able to express their testimony, and God’s faithfulness is a large part of that. How has God shown his faithfulness in your life? In the lives of others you have witnessed?
3. As Christians, what are some ways we can manifest that faithfulness in our lives?
4. Repentance is vital for a Christian walk. Take a moment to recognize points in your life where you have failed to be faithful to God. Take those moments to Him in prayer.

Faithfulness of God

<https://www.allaboutgod.com/faithfulness-of-god.htm>

Faithfulness of God - Discovering His Faithfulness

The faithfulness of God is true and has been proven many times. In the Holy Scriptures, we can see that God is faithful and His Word is true. [Hebrews 6:18](#) says God cannot lie, nor can He break an unconditional promise that He says He will fulfill. 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. [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 starkly evident in His relationship with the Hebrew/Jewish 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 God made a land covenant with Abraham (patriarch of many nations) and has never withdrawn what He has promised.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 or Savior. 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 and 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. Without His ability to do so, He would not be God. He is the only true God ([John 17:3](#)) and the gods of no other religion promises this. 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.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK? - We have all **sinned** and deserve God's judgment. **God**, the Father, sent His only Son to satisfy that judgment for those who believe in Him. **Jesus**, the creator and eternal Son of God, who lived a sinless life, loves us so much that He **died** for our sins, taking the punishment that we deserve, was **buried**, and **rose from the dead** according to the **Bible**. If you truly believe and trust this in your heart, receiving Jesus alone as your **Savior**, declaring, "**Jesus is Lord**," you will be saved from **judgment** and spend eternity with God in heaven.

What is your response?