

GOD IS FAITHFUL

Deuteronomy 7:9

ATTENTION:

An ad for a TV station's news cast started like this:

A woman is sitting in her car minding her own business. Suddenly out of nowhere a man rips the car door open, grabs the woman, and jerks her out of the car. All indications are that this man is assaulting the woman. That is until the camera pulls back, revealing that the car is on fire and the woman is totally unaware! Then you discover that the man isn't assaulting her, he is actually rescuing her.

The ad finishes saying, "You need the bigger picture. Channel 10 News gives you the bigger picture."

ATTUNE:

- The ways of God are not always foreseen. In fact would be more accurate to say that they are seldom foreseen.

⁸ *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, and your ways are not my ways."*
This is the Lord's declaration.

⁹ *"For as heaven is higher than earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."*

Isaiah 55:8-9

²⁹ *The hidden things belong to the Lord our God...*
Deuteronomy 29:29

— But Here Is The Bigger Picture?

No matter what comes God is faithful!
His promises are sure!

⁹ *Know that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps his gracious covenant loyalty for a thousand generations with those who love him and keep his commands.*
Deuteronomy 7:9

²² *Because of the Lord's faithful love we do not perish, for his mercies never end.*

²³ *They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness!*

²⁴ *I say, "The Lord is my portion, therefore I will put my hope in him."*
Lamentation 3:22-24

²³ *Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful.*

Hebrews 10:23

- God can always be trusted!"
 - As this father related in a letter to a friend:
"The last several years have been difficult because of problems with a wayward child." He wrote to say that the child will soon be sentenced to serve time in a juvenile detention facility. Then he wrote these words: *"God has been ever faithful to us and her through this period of 'the spirit of Cain' (irrational and total rebellion). Perhaps she will yet become like the prodigal in repenting."* Here is a man who has discovered—and is daily learning anew—the truth that God is faithful even in the midst of a heartbreaking family crisis.
 - God challenges his people to trust Him.
 - In a world of broken promises where every day brings more chaos and moral confusion, we must ask ourselves if we **really trust God**.
 - Balaam's speaks of God's faithfulness to Balak in in a poem...

¹⁹ *God is not a man, that he might lie, or a son of man, that he might change his mind. Does he speak and not act, or promise and not fulfill?*
Numbers 23:19
 - God's faithfulness is at the core of His identity - If he wasn't faithful He wouldn't be God!

BODY: IMPLICATIONS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

I. Every Word He Says is True

- God's faithfulness means that because he is the truth, everything he says and does is certain.
 - That means he is 100% reliable 100% of the time.
 - He says what he means and means what he says and therefore does everything he says he will do.
 - He does not fail, forget, falter, or vacillate. If he says it, he means it, and you can stake your life upon it.
- And where will we find the true words of God?
 - In the Scripture/Bible.
 - God has given us an entire book filled with His words.

- Our job is read that book. Study it. memorize it. learn it.
 - Build your life upon it.
 - Love God's Word to the point that his words flow through us like the blood that flows through our veins.
- Whether we read in [Genesis](#) - [Joshua](#) - [Kings](#) - [Ezra](#) - [Lamentations](#) - [Luke](#) - [Galatians](#) - [Thessalonians](#) - [John](#) - [Revelation](#), we can trust what we read because God is the ultimate author and every word he speaks is true.

II. Every Promise Will be Kept - A Second Implication.

- Because God is faithful, He keeps every promise He makes.
 - I recommend that you begin underlining every promise you find in the Scriptures.
 - When did God make the promise?
 - To whom was it given?
 - What were the conditions?
 - How was it fulfilled?
 - How does it apply to us today?
 - There are 100s of promises covering every situation we face.
 - salvation,
 - forgiveness of sin
 - prayer
 - marriage
 - children
 - disappointment
 - insecurity
 - etc.

²⁰ *For every one of God's promises is "Yes" in him. Therefore, through him we also say "Amen" to the glory of God.*
2 Corinthians 1:20

God has made a great many promises. They are all "Yes" because of what Christ has done. So through Christ we say "Amen." We want God to receive glory.
New International Revised Version

- When we read a promise of God, we can truly say "Amen."
- Christ has brought about the "YES" of the promises!
- If God has said it, we can count on it!

⁴³ *So the Lord gave Israel all the land he had sworn to give their fathers, and they took possession of it and settled there.*
⁴⁴ *The Lord gave them rest on every side according to all he had sworn to their fathers. None of their enemies were able to stand against them, for the Lord handed over all their enemies to them.* ⁴⁵ *None of the good promises the Lord had made to the house of Israel failed. Everything was fulfilled.*

Joshua 21:43-45

- What a grand statement that is.
 - As one reads the book of Joshua, you see how God kept his promises:
 - Not quickly (it took seven years)
 - Not without a struggle
 - Not without some failure along the way
 - Not without some loss of life
 - BUT what God said, he did.
 - No one could have said in advance how it would happen, but it did.
 - As God had promised!

PROJECT:

- Believer, dwell much on the promises of God!
 - Stand on God's promises—and do not let yourself be moved.
 - Read them!
 - Claim them!
 - Live and die with these promises!
 - God is faithful ...

A small boy was flying a kite high in the sky when it drifted into a cloudbank and disappeared from view. A passerby asked the little boy what he was doing. "I'm flying my kite," the child responded. The man, looking up and seeing only the cloudbank, said, "I don't see any kite. How do you know it's still there." "I don't see it either," replied the boy, "but I know it's up there because every once in a while there's a tug on my string."

- Christians take heart!
 - Just because you can't see him doesn't mean he is not there.
 - Keep holding on to the Lord.

- He is faithful even when you cannot feel Him.
- Hang on, and sooner or later you will feel the “tug on the line” that lets you know he is still there.
- How faithful is God?
 - He is so faithful that **ANYONE** who seeks him can find Him.
 - What a wonderful gift! BUT, even a gift must be opened to be enjoyed.
 - As we grow closer we discover more and more that God is faithful!

ACTION:

- If God were not faithful:
 - we could not be saved,
 - would not dare to pray,
 - would have no sure hope for the future,
 - would go down in death in desperate fear wondering if God will keep his promises.
- BUT we live in faith and die in wonderful expectation precisely because our God is faithful!