

Knowing a Faithful God

A.W. Pink, "The fact that God is infinitely, unchangingly faithful means that he never forgets anything, never fails to do anything he has set out to do, never changes his mind or takes back a promise. And his faithfulness pours out from his love, so we can trust Paul's word that in all things God works for the good of those who love him."

Biblical Teachings:

- 1) **God is faithful** (Deut 7:9; Psalms 89:1-37, 119:90; Lam 3:22-23; 2 Cor 1:20; 2 Tim 2:13).
- 2) **God faithfully holds the world together** (Gen 8:22; Col 1:17).
- 3) **God faithfully keeps His word** (Josh 23:14; Ps 119:89-90).
- 4) **God's faithfulness can free us from of worry** (Heb 10:23; Rev 22:6).
- 5) **God's faithfulness assures us of answered prayer** (Psalms 143:1; Jer 33:3).
- 6) **God's faithfulness protects us from evil** (Mat 6:13; John 17:15; 2 Thes 3:3; I Cor 10:13).
- 7) **God is faithful to forgive our sins when we ask** (I John 1:9).
- 8) **God's faithfulness triggers our praise** (Psalms 71:22; 89:1-8; 92:1-2).
- 9) **God's faithfulness insures our future** (Hebrews 13:8; John 14:1-3).

Faithfulness of God - Examples

The faithfulness of God is starkly evident in His relationship with the Hebrew/Jewish people. Among God's fulfilled promises was that the people of Israel would again become a nation in the land He says is theirs (Zech 8:7-8). 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