

Session #19 – The Faithfulness of God.

The Biblical Witness that God is Faithful

Deuteronomy 7:9-10a

Hebrews 10:23

Psalms 36:5

Psalms 119:89-90

Lamentations 3:22-23

1 Corinthians 10:13

1 Thessalonians 5:24

Numbers 23:19

2 Timothy 2:13

Psalms 119:75

Genesis 15

What is the greatest display of the faithfulness of God?

The Meaning of Divine Faithfulness

That God is faithful has a variety of implications and expressions, but the fundamental issue with the faithfulness of God is this: He is _____. You can depend upon him. He himself is true.

J. I. Packer contends that “_____ in the Bible is a quality of persons primarily, and of propositions only secondarily: it means stability, reliability, firmness, trustworthiness, the quality of a person who is entirely self-consistent, sincere, realistic, and undeceived. God is such a person: truth, in this sense, is his nature, and he has not got it in Him to be anything else” (*Knowing God*, 102).

If God himself is true, then, if he SAYS it, it's true. If he PROMISES it, he will make good on the promise. If he WARNS, he will make good on the threat. If you belong to him, he will not abandon you.

That God is faithful means that He has GOT YOUR BACK ... as well as your front and what is all around you. If he is for you, You can absolutely depend upon him.

That God is faithful means his faithfulness does not depend on yours. He is going to be faithful no matter what you do.

Challenges to God's Faithfulness

Instances of Frowning Providence

Perplexing Theological Questions

What do we do when challenged in this way? Consider Romans 3:3-4.

The Faithfulness of God in Practical Everyday Living

1. God keeps _____ his promises.

For example: In temptation – God is faithful. He will not allow you to be tempted beyond your ability. Preach this to yourself. It could NOT be more true!

2. God will _____ leave his people. You are never alone if you are his child.

3. A new day is a new promise of his faithfulness.

4. When in "darkness," hold fast! The God of light is right there! In times of confusion and perplexity, the one thing you must not doubt is the _____ of God.

Isaiah 50:10b – "Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God."

5. He WILL _____ hear the prayer of those who cry out to him! Psalm 34:15 – The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

Persist in prayer because a pause in God's answer is not a failure to answer.

6. Confidence in God's faithfulness will preserve us from _____, will keep our murmuring in check, and will increase our confidence in the Lord.