

W EBSTER'S Unabridged Dictionary defines "faithfulness" as "firm in adherence to promises, oaths, contracts, treaties, or other engagements," "loyal," and "worthy of confidence and belief." The bible abounds with such statements as "God is faithful" (1 Cor. 1:9); "the Lord is faithful" (2 Thess. 3:3); and "the LORD who is faithful" (1 Cor. 1:9); "the Lord is faithful" (2 Thess. 3:3); and "the LORD who is faithful" (Isaiah 49:7). God's faithfulness is based on His immutable (unchangeable) nature. God says in Malachi 3:6: "For I am the LORD, I change not" and in Deuteronomy 7:9: "Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God." Here are a few ways out of many in which God is faithful to us:

God is Faithful in His Compassion and Mercy Towards Us

"Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness." (Lam. 3:22-23)

"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it." (1 Cor. 10:13)

"For a mere moment I have forsaken you, But with great mercies I will gather you. With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment; But with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you,' Says the LORD, your Redeemer. 'For this is like the waters of Noah to Me; For as I have sworn That the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth, So have I sworn That I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you. For the mountains shall depart And the hills be removed, But My kindness shall not depart from you, Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,' Says the LORD, who has mercy on you." (Isaiah 54:7-10)

"The LORD is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. He will not always strive with us, Nor will He keep His anger forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pities his children, So the LORD pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust." (Psalm 103:8-14) "Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator." (1 Peter 4:19)

God is Faithful in Restoring Us

"For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: 'I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones. For I will not contend forever, Nor will I always be angry; For the spirit would fail before Me, And the souls which I have made. For the iniquity of his covetousness I was angry and struck him; I hid and was angry, And he went on backsliding in the way of his heart. I have seen his ways, and will heal him; I will also lead him, And restore comforts to him And to his mourners." (Isaiah 57:15-18)

"I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely, For My anger has turned away from him." (Hosea 14:4)

"Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Return to Me,' says the LORD of hosts, 'and I will return to you,' says the LORD of hosts." (Zech. 1:3)

God is Faithful in Forgiving Us

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

"I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins." (Isaiah 43:25)

"For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." (Heb. 8:12)

God is Faithful in Sanctifying Us

"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it." (1Thess. 5:23-24)

God is Faithful in His Promises To Us

"For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us." (2 Cor. 1:20)

"By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised." (Heb. 11:11)

God is Faithful in Completing His Work in Us

"Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." (Phil. 1:6)

God is Faithful in Preserving Us

"And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!" (2 Tim. 4:18)

"But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one." (2 Thess. 3:3)

"Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ." (Jude 1:1)

God is Faithful in Answering Us

"And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:7-8)

"Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the LORD..." (Jer. 29:12-14)

God is Faithful in Saving Us

"For 'whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." (Rom. 10:13)

God Remains Faithful to Us

"If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself." (2 Tim. 2:13)

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