

The First Baptist Church of Columbus

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T I T L E: THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

T E X T: Psalm 89:1-2, 5, 8, 24; 1 John 1:9

I. THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD IS AN EXPRESSION OF HIS IMMUTABLE CHARACTER THAT GUARANTEES THAT HE WILL NEVER ACT IN ANY WAY THAT IS CONTRARY TO HIS CHARACTER.

A. God will always act and/or respond to us and our situations tempered by His immutable character.

We can always trust the Lord to do what is right in any given situation.

2 Timothy 2:13 ---- If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

B. God will never act in any way contrary to His promises.

Joshua 21:45 ---- Not one of the good promises which the LORD had made to the house of Israel failed; all came to pass.

C. God's faithfulness, especially regarding His promises, is often called into question because of a prolonged indifference or silence on His part when in reality He is simply expressing His faithfulness guided by what is best for us because He is infinitely good.

II. THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD IS AN OBJECTIVE TRUTH OF

III. SCRIPTURE HOWEVER, ON OCCASION WE DOUBT HIS FAITHFULNESS BECAUSE OF ADVERSE SITUATIONS WHICH OFTEN ENCOURAGE US TO INTERPRET HIS FAITHFULNESS WITH A MIND SET THAT TENDS TO BE MORE SUBJECTIVE THAN OBJECTIVE WHEN CONSIDERING HIS FAITHFULNESS TO HIS PROMISES.

That is the fact before us: God is faithful! He will remain faithful because He cannot change. He is perfectly faithful because God is never partly anything. God is perfectly all that He is and never partly what He is. You can be sure that God will always be faithful. This faithful God, who never broke a promise and never violated a covenant, who never said one thing and meant another, who never overlooked anything or forgot anything, is the Father of our Lord Jesus and the God of the gospel. This is the God we adore and the God we preach. Tozer, A. W., & Fessenden, D. E. (2001–). The attributes of God: Deeper into the Father's heart (Vol. 2, pp. 169–170).

III. GOD'S FAITHFULNESS IS APPLICABLE TO ALL SINNERS, BELIEVERS AND NON-BELIEVERS ALIKE.

A. God's faithfulness to His word to the lost individual will be expressed in a negative fashion as He initiates the fulfillment of their banishment from His presence for an eternity.

God has declared that He will banish from His presence all who love sin and reject His Son. God has promised that; He has declared that; He has warned and threatened, and it will be so. Let no one trust a desperate hope, for it is based on the belief that God threatens but does not fulfill. No, God waits that He may be gracious! And He will sometimes postpone in order to give us another thirty days, another sixty days, to make up our minds. But just as sure as the mills of God grind, the souls of men fall into them and are ground exceedingly small. God moves slowly and is very patient, but God has promised that He will banish from His presence all who love sin, who reject His Son and refuse to believe.

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John 3:18 ---- "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18 ---- For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

How can we tell if someone is perishing? When they consider the word of the cross as foolishness.

B. God's faithfulness to believers is forgiveness of sin and a home in heaven for an eternity.

Confess... to say the same thing the Lord says about sin.

Just ... God will be fair and the rewards we experience in heaven will be "just." No envy in heaven.

Forgive — Forgiveness is a promise from the Lord.

Isaiah 43:25 ---- "I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake, And I will not remember your sins.

Psalms 103:12 ---- As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Do you believe the word of God, or do you believe your feelings?

Conclusion: Jeremiah 1:12 ---- Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over My word to perform it."

Isaiah 55:11 ---- So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.