

GOD IS FAITHFUL

1 Corinthians 10:13 "God is faithful. . ."

Sinful human beings fudge the truth quite regularly. Telling a white lie, for many, is little different than telling the truth. What the news media, politicians, business people and even church people say is not always as truthful as it should be.

In God's sight there are no little lies, half-truths, white lies or fudging. On the other hand, God is faithful and His word is truth. "God is not man that He should lie, or the son of man that He should change His mind. Has He said and will He not do it? Or, has He spoken and will He not fulfill it?" (Numbers 23:19)

"God is faithful." (1 Corinthians 10:13) What He says is always the truth. What He promises He will do. He is resolutely firm and unwavering. He can be relied upon because He will not go back on what He has said. He is like the Rock of Gibraltar, always present, never bending or changing, a constant in your life.

God faithfully, ". . . is your sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor upon you. No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you! (Psalm 84:11-12) "His (God's) faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday." (Psalm 91:4-6)

God faithfully promised Adam and Eve He would send a Savior (Genesis 3:15.) God repeated this promise through the pens of Prophets throughout the entire Old Testament era. God faithfully kept His promise to send the Savior. The angel announced to the Shepherds when Jesus was born, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:10-11)

The importance of God's faithfulness is simply this, "If we confess our sins, He (God) is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9) Jesus said, "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." (John 6:40)

Prayer: O Lord, great is Your faithfulness so that I can confidently trust everything You say to me through Your word, especially Your promise of the forgiveness of my sins through the faith You have given me in Your Son and Your promise of eternal life. Praise, honor and glory to be You. Amen.

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Though must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.
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