

# **GOD IS FAITHFUL – To His Purpose**

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The emphasis of the Lord's dealings with me this past year for myself and also for those that I am privileged to share with has been very focused and at times intense. In a greater measure I see that it is God's desire that we "grow up" into the Reality of our Salvation in all things, and that we become rooted and grounded in Christ. The Lord desires us to come to a complete REST: a peaceful assurance in our souls where we come to totally trust Him and His Work, and cease from our own labors, finding His peace and living daily in full confidence of The Finished Work of The Cross.

And the challenge to me – and now to you is not that we don't read the Bible or even believe the Scriptures. The challenge has been: is this reality REAL in me? Am I functioning daily in what I say "I believe in"? And even more importantly and pointedly, are we believing The Lord? Are we believing the Scriptures in the Reality of Him? Because we can still read and understand the Scriptures according to our own human knowledge and understanding. But that does not establish us and allow the Truth of our Salvation to be operational in our daily lives: and that is what the Lord desires. So as always we must ask the Lord to give us HIS View: that we could understand by His Spirit the Reality of the Scriptures in the very Truth of Who The Lord is. It is not important what "we believe in our church". What is important

is what God knows to be Truth, and this is the Work of the Spirit in us – to cause us to know The Truth and believe in the Reality of our Salvation that we have NOW. So during this time the Lord has been “defining” and “redefining” many things to me. But this has not been simply according to Hebrew or Greek word definitions. The Lord has been giving me His definition: His viewpoint – all in a greater Seeing of HIM. And I can tell you that in the light of His appearing and making Himself known as Who He is, I have been challenged to put off “my” beliefs, and allow Him to define all things for me.

So in the dealings of the Lord He has recently challenged me with the word “**FAITHFUL**”. And as I said the Lord has been redefining many of these terms for me. God wants us to be settled, established, secure: not because we try to be “Faithful Christians”, but because of who He is – **HE IS FAITHFUL!** Now in the book of Hebrews, speaking of The Work of The Cross we read these verses.

- **Hebrews 10:19:** *“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20: By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; 21: And having an high priest over the house of God; 22: Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. 23: Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is Faithful that promised;)”*

Notice particularly, in verse 23: “**for HE is Faithful that promised**”. And notice the word “having”. The book of Hebrews is declaring what we now “have” – in Christ by The

Cross. God had made promises in time past to Israel: in the Law, in prophecies of things to come. But Hebrews is declaring all those promises have now come! Now we are NOT having the promises: we are having the fulfillment – in Christ by The Cross. Everything God promised we NOW have – why? Because He that promised is FAITHFUL! He Faithfully DID what He promised! And when we know what we “have” – not some day but now, we can have the boldness, we can draw near in full assurance, we can hold fast the profession of “our” faith without wavering! Why? Not because “we” hold fast, or “we” proclaim faith (we all know the “name it and claim it” doctrine), but because HE is Faithful who promised. We must understand it is not because of us, but because of HIM. HE is The Faithful One – not us!

And I guess this is the essence of God’s challenge to me: we don’t really know Who He is! So often we think we believe “in Him”, but we really don’t believe Him: we don’t believe Who He is! We read His words and who He declares Himself to be – **THE I AM THAT I AM**: but do we really believe He is – and that He is who He is now – in me? Just consider THE (exclusively only One) I AM IS (perpetually, continually, Eternally) The I AM. He IS always Who He is – in nature, substance, and essence. He does not change! He does not lie! He does not forget! We must come to know HIM who is The I AM as The I AM that He IS. This is not speaking of attaining head knowledge of Spiritual things, but a living experiential knowledge of Him as He is. God wants us to know that God IS – and always is Who He IS!

And if we really knew Him as He is – as who He is now dwelling in us, we can hold fast because HE is Faithful. His

promises are true, and He has Faithfully executed all of them because He is The Faithful One. Man is not Faithful, but God is! Why do we so often believe man rather than God: put our trust in man – in ourselves, rather than in HIM who is – and always will be Faithful? This is the challenge I set before you now.

The Greek word for “Faithful” is Strong’s #4103–PISTOS, and it means trustworthy, sure, true, believing. This is who He is! And this is who He presented Himself to be to Israel. **Deuteronomy 7:9:** *“Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the Faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;”* But this is not just His title: it is His nature and character. And His Name “Jehovah” was God’s Name to Israel in Covenant. And what is important to remember is that the Lord Himself initiated a Covenant Agreement with Israel (the people He called out unto Himself as His own) by which they could walk together as One. He would be their God, and they would be His people. And the overriding factor of Covenant was that both parties had to agree to it and be Faithful to it. Now we know from reading the Bible that Israel had a problem with disobedience. They did not remain Faithful to God’s Covenant, but God always did! And so since man by nature is unfaithful, God instituted the system of sacrifices that covered their transgressions and enabled Israel to remain in Covenant with Jehovah during this time. But it is important that we understand that The Lord always remains Faithful to His Covenant.

So God is Faithful: but this brings us to a major question. To whom and to what is He Faithful? And despite what is preached in Christianity today, the Scriptures declare God is

not firstly and primarily Faithful to YOU. He is Faithful to **HIMSELF**: to His Heart and Mind: to all that HE has planned. Consider these scriptures:

- **II Timothy 2:13**: *“If we believe not, yet he abideth Faithful: he cannot deny himself.”* He abides Faithful: remains, consistently adheres to, and never does anything contrary to HIMSELF. And everything that He does is in direct agreement with His Mind, His Will, His Nature and Character of Life, Light, Love etc.
- God is Faithful, and by this Faithful God we are called. And it is this Faithful God – Faithful to Himself and His Eternal Plan who has brought us into relationship with Himself. **I Corinthians 1:9**: *“God is Faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.”* And He remains Faithful to the fellowship He has with His Son: they are One. And this is our assurance since we don’t have a separate relationship with God. We participate in the Relationship His Son has with The Father – in Oneness. And they both remain Faithful to that Relationship.
- So this Faithful God not only has called us to fellowship in the Faithful Son, but HE has Faithfully done it. He has performed Faithfully what He has planned! **I Thessalonians 5:23**: *“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24: Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.”* Here again is a great assurance. God not only says something, but He

assuredly does (perfectly and completely) what He says. **Isaiah 55:10:** *“For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: 11: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”*

And I hope that we can see that this is God's View of His Faithfulness, and He Faithfully works in those that He has called into this Relationship because it pleases HIM. But Christianity today often is presented as us as Christians “Faithfully” going to church and then us telling God what we want and expect that God will do everything we ask for. Why? Because we asked, and in our mind we have been Faithful to Him. And unfortunately very often the things we ask for are just natural, carnal things. But I'm telling you that God is NOT Faithful to you because you say you are a Christian and “Faithfully go to church”. God is Faithful: but He will be Faithful to **The Christ who is in you**: to The Life that is in you – but that is not because of your fleshly “Faithfulness”. And God knows the difference even if we don't! But I really pray that you will consider this before The Lord.

We often quote the Scripture **John 14:14:** *“If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.”* So we think that just because WE ask Him for anything, that He must give it to us because He is Faithful – to us. But that is not the correct reading of that Scripture. It is if we ask anything ‘IN HIS NAME’. We have to understand that Scripture in God's View.

When Jesus spoke this He meant in the same way The Son only desired The Will of The Father: if you ask for that, and not primarily for yourselves, God will give it to you. We must understand that “in my name” means with the nature of The Son. And The Son only desired The Will of The Father: all according to His Father’s Plan and Purpose.

So now we have to bring in the term “**PURPOSE**”. We have said firstly that God is Faithful to whom? To Himself! But now we have to understand what God is Faithful to. And that is **His Purpose. He remains Faithful to His Eternal Plan, and that is all for His Glory.** Everything God does is so that He will be recognized to be Who He is, and He remains Faithful to that. And I feel it just necessary to say emphatically that God did not make this world and even His Plan of Salvation primarily for us: it is all for Him and for His Glory! Consider **Revelation 4:11**: “*Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*” And speaking of Christ in **Colossians 1:15**: “*Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.*”

Paul speaks of this beautifully in his Ephesians letter. Consider:

- **Ephesians 1:6**: “*To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.*”

- **Ephesians 1:9:** *“Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:”*
- **Ephesians 1:11:** *“In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: 12: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.”*

**God does all things – Faithful to His Purpose, according to His Pleasure and for His Glory.** Another way to say this is God works for “His Name’s sake”. And He always remains Faithful to His Name. We see this with Old Covenant Israel when He continually made Himself known to them as their Jehovah God. And when Israel rebelled against Him and did “their own thing” for “their own purposes”, they profaned His Name and He had to do something drastic! Why? Because He was Faithful to Himself!

**Ezekiel 36:16:** *“Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 17: Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings: their way was before me as the uncleanness of a removed woman. 18: Wherefore I poured my fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols wherewith they had polluted it: 19: And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them. 20: And when they entered unto the heathen, whither they went, they profaned my holy name, when they said to them, These are the people of the LORD,*



and are gone forth out of his land. **21:** But I had pity for mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, whither they went. **22: Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went. 23: And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.**” And please notice specifically verses 22 and 23. It is for HIS NAME’S SAKE: for HIS Glory!

God remains Faithful to making Himself known (to be glorified) where He is. And this is IN HIS PEOPLE. In the Old Covenant the type of His Presence dwelt in their midst as a cloud and pillar of fire. But God now dwells in us by The Indwelling Spirit of His Son, and it is here – in us that He will be sanctified and glorified. **II Thessalonians 1:10:** “*When he shall come to be glorified **in his saints**, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.*” This is where He is working – in us: and He Faithfully is working in us so that He will be glorified: that we will make Him known as He is, and exalted here in the earth.

And I really pray that we will consider this. So often we take the Scriptures and consider God’s Working and focus it all on us: that God does everything for US. But I want us to see that even though we receive tremendous blessings and benefits, it is all for **HIM** – for His Glory and not for us. We often quote from Romans 8, but too often we only see this

from our human standpoint rather than from God's Eternal View. We quote part of **Romans 8:28**: "*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called ....*" Now this verse shows us God's Faithfulness in His Working, but it is all according to something: "**According to His purpose!**" And we really need the Spirit to show this to us. The "for good" here is not "our" good: but HIS – for His Pleasure, according to the counsel of His Will. He Faithfully works "all things" according to His Eternal Purpose and that does include us, but it does not stop with us. We are called – unto Him: unto Life, unto Salvation and a Relationship with Him, but it is all for His Purpose – for His Glory.

And more and more I am seeing God's steadfast Faithfulness to this Relationship He has brought us into. He desires this Oneness with His People, and is actively at work in us dealing with anything that would damage this Relationship and dishonor His Name. This is a whole other area of search, but understanding God's Heart and His Faithfulness to Himself: to His Purpose for The Church (those who are joined as One with Him in Christ), I can see now the need for His correction, His training and even at times the severe discipline that He brings. It is not because He is mean or wants to deny us "nice things". It is because He jealously guards this Relationship and desires that The Church come to their full Purpose – and that is to Glorify HIM in the earth. **Ephesians 3:21**: "*Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.*" The Church is the vessel in the earth that is to manifest God's Purpose – His Glory, and He remains Faithful to that.

I pray this will help us to better understand the Faithful Nature of God. **He remains Faithful to Himself and His Plan – all for His Glory.** And also I pray that seeing His Faithfulness in this way we will better understand His working in us and as Hebrews admonishes us: **Hebrews 12:5:** *“And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: 6: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. 7: If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?”*

May we truly appreciate, accept and allow God's Faithfulness to be worked in us in greater and greater measure – all for HIS GLORY.

Amen