

God's
Faithfulness
to His WORD & CHARACTER

Proverbs 20:6 -
Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness:
but a faithful man who can find?

People change; vacillate; move; prone to change; especially when put under pressure; Go back on their promises; People break their vows;

God, by contrast is consistently reliable; He remain true to His character and His Word.

“Faithful” or “Faithfulness”:

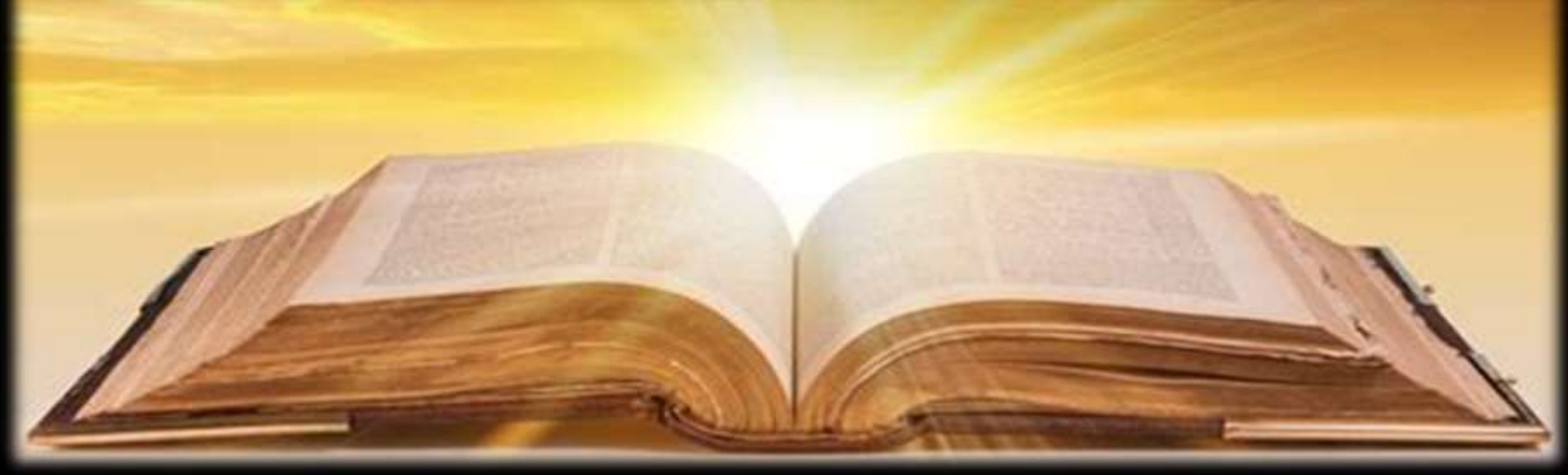
The Hebrew word: -

אֱמוּנָה ʻemuwnah refers to firmness, fidelity, steadfastness, steadiness; *The word implies reliability/dependability; trustworthiness; consistency.*

“Faithful” or “Faithfulness”:

The Greek word: -

πιστός pistos - means to be trustworthy; believable; reliable; dependable. It is related to the word “faith” or “belief” (Pistis). God is believable. He is worthy of our faith.



I. God is Faithful to His **WORD** (1 Kings 8:56)

*(He is reliable in what HE **SAYS**)*

1 Kings 8:56 -

Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

GOD IS FAITHFUL TO HIS PROMISES

(He keeps His covenants)

For Example:

God's promise as evidenced by the rainbow (Gen.9:16)

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For Example:

God's promise to Abraham to give him a land, seed, and blessing (Genesis 12:1-3; 15:5-6)

Romans 4:19-21 -

"And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb;

Romans 4:19-21 -

"He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that,
what He had promised,
He was able also to perform."

Hebrews 11:11 -

"Through faith also Sarah herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised."

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(He keeps His covenants) *For Example:*

God's promise to give the believer eternal life

Titus 1:2 - "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began."



II. God is Faithful to His CHARACTER

(Psalm 89:1, 30-37)

*(He is reliable because of who HE **IS**)*

God's character demands His faithfulness: Faithfulness is who He is.

- **His <u>immutability</u>**

(changelessness; constancy; consistency) demands that He remain faithful; He is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8)

- **His <u>omniscience</u>**

allows Him to know all things (past, present, and future) and thus to never lack the knowledge necessary to fulfil a promise.

- **His perfect Wisdom**

allows Him to devise the best plan of action and to carry it out with absolute precision

- **His <u>omnipotence</u>**

allows Him to do anything He says He will do; We often say that we will do something by a certain date, but we may become sick or simply lack the strength to get the job done

- **His <u>righteousness</u>**

requires that He always does what is right; It is always right to keep one’s word.

- **His <u>trueness</u>**

demands that He remain faithful
to what He promises

God's faithfulness is an extension of His truthfulness.

Revelation 19:11 - And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called **Faithful and True** (Christ's very name is Faithful and True)

Revelation 21:5 - And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

Revelation 22:6 - And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

The theme of Psalm 89 centers around God's faithfulness.

--God's faithfulness is made known (v. 1)

Ps 89:1 - I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

--God's faithfulness is **established** (v. 2)

Ps 89:2 For I have said,
Mercy shall be built up for ever:
thy faithfulness shalt thou establish
in the very heavens.

--God's faithfulness is **praised** (v. 5)

Ps 89:5 And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

--God's faithfulness is **incomparable** (v. 6, 8)

Ps 89:8 O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

--God's faithfulness is <u>experienced by the seed of David</u> (v. 20-29)

Ps 89:24 But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

--God's faithfulness is **unfailing** (v. 33)

Ps 89:33 Nevertheless my lovingkindness
will I not utterly take from him,
nor suffer my faithfulness to fail

Because of Who He IS . . .

A. *God is faithful*

Despite the unworthiness of His people (v. 30-31)

Because of Who He IS . . .

B. *God is faithful*

To discipline the rebellion of His people (v. 32)

A. The certainty of God's discipline

B. The cause of God's discipline

Because of Who He IS . . .

C. *God is faithful*

Not to break His promise to His people (v. 33-37)

God is faithful Not to break His promise to His people (v. 33-37)

1. He cannot take away His promise (v. 33a)
2. He cannot fail in delivering His promise (v. 33b)
3. He cannot break His promise (v. 34a)
4. He cannot change His promise (v. 34b)
5. He cannot lie about His promise (v. 35)

What should our response be to God's faithfulness?

1. Rest in His faithfulness

(Lamentations 3:21-23)

What should our response be to God's faithfulness?

2. Tell others about His faithfulness

What should our response be to God's faithfulness?

3. Always keep your word
(do what you say you will do)

What should our response be to God's faithfulness?

4. Be <u>faithful</u> (dependable; consistent)

What should our response be to God's faithfulness?

5. <u>Step out</u> by faith (trust and obey whatever God says, even if it looks impossible, and leave the results to Him)

What should our response be to God's faithfulness?

6. Simply <u>Trust</u> Him!

God's faithfulness to His Word should bring:

Security to the saved

Terror to the wicked

When we say “God is faithful”,
we are saying
"God is worthy of my faith"
or "I can have full faith in Him."