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Topic: God's Faithfulness
Study: Romans
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The Bible & Your Salvation

The Unfailing Promises of God's Word

part 2



Context: *The Seven Questions of Romans 3:3-8...*

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| 1) What if some did not have faith? (v.3a) | A |
| 2) Will their lack of faith nullify God's faithfulness? (v.3b) | |
| 3) But if our unrighteousness brings out God's righteousness more clearly, what shall we say? (v.5a) | |
| 4) That God is unjust in bringing his wrath on us? (v.5b) | B |
| 5) If that were so, how could God judge the world? (v.6) | |
| 6) "If my falsehood enhances God's truthfulness and so increases his glory, why am I still condemned as a sinner?" (v.7) | |
| 7) Why not say—as we are being slanderously reported as saying and as some claim that we say—
"Let us do evil that good may result"? (v.8) | C |

Romans 3:3-4

³ What if some did not have faith?

Will their lack of faith nullify God's faithfulness?

⁴ Not at all!

Let God be true, and every man a liar. As it is written: "So that you may be proved right when you speak and prevail when you judge." (NIV)

Question A →

Question B →

Question C →

1. Recall _____ (vv.3-4)



2. Be _____ (vv.3-4a)

3. See _____ (v.4b)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. How does pondering the faithfulness of God affect your Christian life?
2. Read **Titus 1:1-2**. When considering the various attributes of God which prove that it is impossible for him to lie or break a promise (as we considered in the sermon), which of these attributes are you most likely to forget and why?
3. Describe some of the ways God has shown his faithfulness to the nation of Israel throughout the Old Testament and beyond?

How do God's dealings with Israel over the centuries enhance your understanding of God's dealings with you?

4. Describe a situation in which God was faithful to discipline you for some act of disobedience.

In what way does God's "here-and-now" discipline help your confidence regarding the "then-and-there" fulfillment of the rest of God's promises?

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0628 – **When God Makes a Promise: Impeccable Promises & Divine Character**
CD # 0769 – **Understanding Israel & God's Covenants**
CD # 0660 – **When God's People are Unfaithful**
CD # 0330 – **The Real Battle: Help & Hope When Doubt Creeps In**
CD # 0537 – **Faithful to God: A Question of Perseverance, Salvation & Eternal Security**

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this week's schedule:

January 18th

Gen.36-37 & Mt.18

January 19th

Gen.38-39 & Mt.19

January 20th

Gen.40-41 & Mt.20

January 21st

Gen.42-43 & Mt.21

January 22nd

Gen.44-45 & Mt.22

January 23rd

Gen.46-47 & Mt.23

January 24th

Gen.48-50 & Mt.24

January 25th

Ex.1-2 & Mt.25

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to www.CompassBooks.org.)

Bonar, Horatius. **The Word of Promise: A Handbook to the Promises of Scripture**. ATS, 1865.
Bridges, Jerry. **Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts**. NavPress, 1988.
Chapell, Bryan. **The Promises of Grace: Living in the Grip of God's Love**. Baker Books, 2001.
Charnock, Stephen. **The Existence and Attributes of God**. Reprint. Baker Books, 1996.
Erickson, Millard, J. **God The Father Almighty: A Contemporary Exploration of the Divine Attributes**. Baker, 1998.
Guinness, Os. **God in the Dark: The Assurance of Faith Beyond a Shadow of Doubt**. Crossway Books, 1996.
Lloyd-Jones, Martyn. **Assurance of Our Salvation: Studies in John 17**. Crossway Books, 2000.
Lockyer, Herbert. **All the Promises of the Bible: A Compilation & Exposition of Divine Promises**. Zondervan, 1962.
Owen, John. **Christians Are Forever**. Reprint, Grace Publications, 1993.
Packer, J.I. **Knowing God**. InverVarsity Press, 1973.
Pink, Arthur W. **The Nature of God**. Moody Press, 1999.
Piper, John. **Future Grace: The Purifying Power of Living By Faith**. Multnomah, 2005.
Tozer, A.W. **The Attributes of God Journal: A Six Month Devotional**. Christian Publications, 1998.
_____. **The Knowledge of the Holy**. Harper & Row, 1961.