

# The Faith of God

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## **Rom 3:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?

<sup>4</sup> God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

## **Rom 3:3-4 (TEV)**

But what if some of them were not faithful? Does this mean that God will not be faithful? <sup>4</sup> Certainly not! **God must be true**, even though every man is a liar. As the scripture says,

"You must be shown to be right when you speak; you must win your case when you are being tried."

## **Lam 3:19-26**

<sup>19</sup> Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall.

<sup>20</sup> My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me.

<sup>21</sup> This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.

<sup>22</sup> It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

<sup>23</sup> They are new every morning: ***great is thy faithfulness.***

<sup>24</sup> The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

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<sup>25</sup> The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

<sup>26</sup> It is good that a man should **both hope and quietly wait** for the salvation of the LORD.

- In these days, it is difficult to find someone or a group of individuals that you are able to put your full confidence in.
- Faithfulness and consistency is a rare commodity among most men of the day. Although many people are good and have good intentions, good desires, and a good heart to do right, there is a deficiency gap of a consistent performance by them
- Faithfulness means that there is a constant, continual, and predictable course of actions and behaviors that is expressed by a person or a thing.
- In this passage in the Book of Romans, Paul raises the question in verse 3 about the faith of God, that is, the faithfulness of God.
- The Greek word used in this passage is **pistis** (pis'-tis); persuasion, i.e. credence; moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstractly, constancy in such profession; by extension, the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself:

*KJV* - assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

It is used in this passage as the state of being someone in whom complete confidence can be placed - 'trustworthiness, dependability, faithfulness.' 'that doesn't mean that their lack of faithfulness annuls the faithfulness of God' [Rom 3:3](#).

- This is the type of faith that leads to salvation; the faith of God as being a deliverer; the faith of God being a very present help in times

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of trouble; the faith of God always being there, never leaving nor forsaking you; the faith of knowing that God will always be there; Jehovah Shammah – God is there.

- God is faithful, because God is truthful. Moses writes in **Num 23:19**, “God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?”
- The truthfulness of God causes Him to be faithful. He is truthful to His word, His people, His creation, and to Himself. God will not and cannot lie.
- God is faithful, because God is righteous. The psalmist writes in **Ps 119:142**, “Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.” And the writer of Hebrews in **Heb 1:8**, “But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.”
- We can depend on God because He is holy; He will not violate His own standard of truthfulness.
- His righteousness and consistency is evidence of His truth and stability. Mankind, at his best, is wavering. We have a tendency of changing with the times and seasons. But, God never changes; He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
- For God to change, He would have to violate His righteousness, which will ultimately nullify His holiness. The nature of God is faithfulness, stability, and unchangeable.
- Therefore, for every promise and every command in the Holy Scriptures, we can stand on the fact that God is faithful to who He is and He is faithful to what He has said.
- If He has promised that He will bring you out, everything can fall all around you, but ultimately, He will bring you out.

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- Consider this, if God says that He will meet you at 5.00pm, but you show up at 5:01pm and God is not there, don't get mad at God. He was there on time, not you.
- Therefore, God's faithfulness and consistency of being a faithful God, requires faithfulness on our part to receive the full blessings of the Lord.
- Many of you, He wants to bless and wanted to bless, but, because you were out of place; His blessings were there, but you missed them.
- This clarifies the more what Paul has written in our text, "Just because you did not believe, does not mean that God is not faithful."
- God faithfully met Adam in the Garden at a certain time and in a certain place. But, because Adam became unfaithful and disobedient, he was now out of place. But, notice that God showed up where He customarily came to have fellowship with Adam.
- Now, Adam hears God walking through the Garden, calling and looking for Adam. Whenever, you are out of place, you cause God to walk, call, and look for you.
- God looks for us at the place of fellowship with Him; He looks for us in our place of intimacy with Him; He looks for us in the secret place of the Most High, under the shadow of His wings; He looks for us in prayer and worship.
- That's why, every morning, He is faithful in waking us, so that He may have intimate fellowship with us.
- Even, when we are going through, we can rest assuredly that it is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed; He is faithful every morning.

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- The air that we breathe proves His faithfulness. The life that we possess proves His faithfulness. The love that we experience shows His faithfulness.
- In closing, the faith of God is the faithfulness of God. It is His character to be faithful. As a matter of fact, we would not know the trait of faithfulness if it was never demonstrated and displayed by God.
- He is faithfully consistent and consistently faithful. Our lack of faith, nor our disbelief, will ever nullify the faithfulness of God.
- When we properly align ourselves with the faithfulness of God, then we will see the glory of God being revealed in our lives on a continual basis.
- When things are missing from your life and it looks like God is not fulfilling His promises to you, look and truthfully examine who moved. I guarantee you that it was not God; He is still faithful.