

Our Faithful Servants

- Alarm Clock
 - Hot Water Heater
 - Furnace
 - Washer & Dryer
 - Stove/Microwave
 - Refrigerator
 - Vacuum Cleaner
 - Dishwasher
 - Car
 - Car Battery
 - Electricity
 - Television
 - Cellphone
 - Water
 - Can Opener
 - Internet
- As long as they are faithful and reliable...
- If can't fix – discard and replace!

God's Servants – Always Faithful

- *Forever, O LORD, your word is settled in heaven. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you established the earth, and it abides. They continue this day according to Your ordinances, for all are Your servants. Ps. 119:89-91*
- *While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease. Gen. 8:22*
- They have no free will, so God and man can depend on them. They will never fail Him or us!

God is Always Faithful

- *I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations. 2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens. Ps 89:1-2*
- *God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, And to be held in reverence by all those around Him. 8 O Lord God of hosts, Who is mighty like You, O Lord? Your faithfulness also surrounds You. Ps 89:7-8*
- All His servants mirror His character.
- Do we?

With Our Freewill – Are We Faithful?

- The free will of man has left us to choose our level of faithfulness. The entire creation was counting on Adam and Eve to be faithful.
- *But like Adam they transgressed the covenant; there they dealt faithlessly with me. Hos 6:7*
- The nation of Israel did the same:
- *"O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O Judah, what shall I do to you? For your faithfulness is like a morning cloud, And like the early dew it goes away. Hos 6:4*
- God counts on us to be faithful... Are we???

Can Man be Fully Trusted?

- Jesus could not completely rely on anyone
- *Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. 24 But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, 25 and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man. Jn. 2:23-25*
- Even apostles after 3 years **all** forsook Him

Some CAN be Trusted

- 7 Not so with **My servant Moses; He is faithful in all My house.** 8 I speak with him face to face, Even plainly, and not in dark sayings; Num. 12:6-8
- "You are the Lord God, Who chose Abram, And brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans, And gave him the name Abraham; 8 **You found his heart faithful before You,** And made a covenant with him Neh 9:7-8
- When God called He faithfully went and remained

● *8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Heb 11:8-10*

● **NOT JUST ABRAHAM** *13 All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. Heb 11:13-14*

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● *And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20 He **did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.** 22 And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness." Rom 4:19-25*

● Abraham was faithful by trusting God's faithfulness...

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- When God gave difficult commands – always done the same day or the next day.

Circumcision and Isaac

- ***That very same day*** Abraham was circumcised, and his son Ishmael; 27 and all the men of his house, Gen 17:26-27
- Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you" 3 So ***Abraham rose early in the morning*** and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. Gen 22:2-4

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- Are we like our father Abraham ... We too were called and went... given promises we must wait for ... given difficult commands ... Are we faithful

Hezekiah was Faithful –

- *Thus Hezekiah did throughout all Judah, and he **did what was good and right and true before the Lord his God.** 21 And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, in the law and in the commandment, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart. So he prospered. 32 After these deeds of faithfulness, Sennacherib king of Assyria came. 2Chr 31:20-21*

Hezekiah was Faithful – Then Slipped

- *In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death, and he prayed to the Lord; and He spoke to him and gave him a sign. 25 But Hezekiah did not repay according to the favor shown him, for his heart was lifted up; therefore wrath was looming over him and over Judah and Jerusalem. 26 Then Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, 2Chr. 32:24-26*

We Can Trust God's Faithfulness

- *For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶ So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" Heb 13:5-6*
- *Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator. 1Pet. 4:19*
- Can God Trust ours?
- An Important Challenge for each of us to take up and carry through.

The Rewards for the Faithful

- Can He trust ours?
- We must seek to mirror His faithfulness:
- *Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. Rev 2:10*
- *Oh, love the Lord, all you His saints! For the Lord preserves the faithful, And fully repays the proud person. 24 Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart, All you who hope in the Lord. Ps 31:23-24*