WEEK SIX Attributes and Promises of God

Why can we trust God and believe His Promises?

GOD IS FAITHFUL

"God is not a man, that He should lie,
Nor a son of man, that He should repent.
Has He said, and will He not do?
Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"
Numbers 23:19

"God is true. His Word of Promise is sure. In all His relations with His people God is faithful. He may be safely relied upon. No one ever yet really trusted Him in vain. We find this precious truth expressed almost everywhere in the Scriptures, for His people need to know that faithfulness is an essential part of the Divine character. This is the basis of our confidence in Him. But it is one thing to accept the faithfulness of God as a Divine truth, it is quite another to act upon it. God has given us many 'exceeding great and precious promises,' but are we really counting on His fulfillment of them? Are we actually expecting Him to do for us all that He has said? Are we resting with implicit assurance on these words, 'He is faithful that promised' (Hebrews 10:23)?" A.W.Pink

This week spend time reading and meditating on these Scriptures.

God is Faithful: Deuteronomy 7:9; Nehemiah 1:5; Numbers 23:19; 2 Timothy 2:13; Isaiah 54:10; Psalm 89:1-8; Lamentations 3:22-24; Psalm 36:5; Hebrews 10:23; 1 Corinthians 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:24; 2 Thessalonians 3:3; Philippians 1:6; Revelation 19:1

As you read and meditate on these Scriptures consider these questions:

What does it mean that God is faithful?

Do you think of God that way? Why or why not?

What does knowing that God is faithful mean to you personally?

What difference could that knowledge make in your life today?

Being created in God's image, is this an attribute that belongs to God alone, or one that we can reflect as His image-bearers?

Do you think that God is faithful in the same way humans are faithful?

How is His faithfulness different?

What is the correlation between God does not change and He is faithful? A .W. Pink asks, "Are we resting with implicit assurance on these words, 'He is faithful that promised' (Hebrews 10:23)?" Are you resting on that assurance? Why or why not?

Have you doubted God's faithfulness in the past?

List some of the ways He proven Himself faithful to you, and the things He has

done which He has promised in His word that He would do.

"As believers, we need a revelation of God's faithfulness. Being able to fully trust God is the beginning of living an abundant life. If you don't fully believe that God is faithful to lead you into the best possible life you could live, then you won't seek out his will, trust him with your possessions, or be able to fully enjoy his presence." Craig Denison

What do you think A.W. Pink means when he says "It is one thing to accept the faithfulness of God as a Divine truth, it is quite another to act upon it"? Why do you think that matters?

What have you learned about God that you didn't know before? Do you have a better idea of who God is? In what way? How does it help you to see Him "high and lifted up" as it says in Isaiah 6:1? What is it about this attribute that comforts you, gives you joy, hope, or assurance?

Is there anything that makes you fearful, worried, or insecure? Please explain. In what way does this attribute help you to know that God loves you? Does it make you want to worship Him more often and intentionally?

The Promise for Week Six

"For I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, Saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you." Isaiah 41:13

Is this promise familiar to you?

Spend some time today meditating upon each phrase.

Who is speaking?

There are several promises inside this promise? What are they?

What do these promises mean to you personally?

What do you think is the correlation between knowing that God is faithful and this promise?

Why is this correlation important?

Do you sense the tenderness of our great God in this Scripture? Can you feel His loving arms around you? Do you need to know He's holding your hand right now? Is He your loving heavenly Father? Can you cry out to Him, "Abba, Father"? Do you believe this promise? Is there evidence in your life that you are living this promise? Can you trust God to fulfill this promise? Why? How could you use this promise in your life today?

"Upon God's faithfulness rests our whole hope of future blessedness. Only as He is faithful will His covenants stand and His promises be honoured. Only as we have complete assurance that He is faithful may we live in peace and look forward with assurance to the life to come.

"Every heart can make its own application of this and draw from it such conclusions as the truth suggests and its own needs bring into focus. The tempted, the anxious, the fearful, the discouraged may all find new hope and good cheer in the knowledge that our Heavenly Father is faithful. He will ever be true to His pledged word. The hard-pressed sons of the covenant may be sure that He will never remove His loving-kindness from them nor [allow] His faithfulness to fail." A.W. Tozer