

Trusting in the Promises of a Faithful God

Psalm 100

1. The Faithfulness of God is **Wonderful** (Ti. 1:2)

A Christian has ultimate hope and confidence that God will keep His promises and do what He has said that He will do because He is a faithful God (Deut. 7:9; Num 23:19; Ps. 100:1-5).

2. The Faithfulness of God is the **Preservation** of Israel

A. Abraham (Gen. 22:1-14)

God had promised to make Abraham's descendants a great nation, though he was very old (Gen. 15:1-6). God had further specified that Abraham's descendants would come through Isaac (Gen. 17:21). So when Abraham was commanded to sacrifice his son, he obeyed trusting that God could raise Isaac from the dead (Heb. 11:19).

B. Moses (Ex. 32:11-14)

When Israel had sinned greatly by making a false god and worshiping it as if it were the Lord Himself, God threatened to wipe out the nation and start anew with Moses. But Moses, remembering God's promises to Abraham, prayed that God would remain faithful. This immediate experience served as a fore-taste of both Israel's abiding faithlessness and God's abiding faithfulness.

C. Daniel (Dan. 9:1-19; cf. Jer 29:10)

While Israel was in captivity to the Babylonians, Daniel found that God had promised that the exile would only be for seventy years (Jer. 29:10). This promise became the basis for Daniel's plea for God to remember and to deliver His people.

3. The Faithfulness of God is the **Hope** of His People

A. **Salvation**

The great sinfulness of man has produced the greatest need of men which is provided for by the greatest mercy of God unto men. God has promised that all who believe in Jesus will be saved; saved from their sin, saved from His wrath, and saved unto life and peace (Jn. 3:16; 14:1-6; Rom. 5:1).

B. **Sanctification**

God has not left us without direction of promise as we live the Christian life. His plan is that we would become more like Jesus, and He will complete the work that He began (Rom. 8:28-30; Phil 1:6).

C. **Provision**

There are many sorrows in this world, and many things about which we can become anxious. God has promised that He will provide for all of our needs because He cares for us, and so we need not be anxious (Matt. 6:27ff; Phil. 4:6-7, 19).

D. **Preservation**

The devil seeks to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10), and it often looks as if he is wildly successful. God has promised to preserve His people in, through, and after we endure the trials and struggles of this world. Our hope is ultimately not in the extension of life and health in this life, but in the assurance of life and protection from God that cannot be severed by anything or anyone (Rom. 8:35-39).

E. **Resurrection**

Jesus has promised that all those who die in faith will be resurrected on the last day. He has demonstrated that we can have confidence that we will be raised from the dead because He Himself first died and was raised (Mk. 9:31; Jn. 11:23-27; Rom. 1:4; 1 Cor. 15:20-28).

F. **Rest**

This world is full of joy and gladness as well as pain, sorrow, loss. God has promised to deal with all sin and all injustice once and for all. And once He has done that, He has promised to remake the world where His people will dwell without pain, sorrow, or tears (Rev. 21:1-4).