

# The Word of Truth

## The Firm Basis for a Grounded Trust in God that Leads to Triumphant Living

### Part Three – God is Completely Trustworthy

*[A]nd without trusting it is impossible to please God: for it is necessary for one who comes to God to believe because then He becomes a rewarder to those who seek Him out. (Heb. 11:6; The Power New Testament by William J. Morford)*

#### 1. God's Magnifies his Word

- a. Psalm 138:2-4
- b. Because of God's Word we are guaranteed an answer to prayer (see v. 3).
- c. If God places His Word above His very name then we can have confidence in His commitment to it.
- d. "Some would amend the text, and read 'thy truth' for 'thy Word.' But if we keep the text and understand [The Pulpit Commentary then gives the Hebrew] as 'thy promise,' the sense will not be very different. God has magnified his promise, and his faithfulness to it, above all his other revealed attributes." (The Pulpit Commentary)
- e. "The most common term for truth in the OT is Heb. 'emet, meaning a reality which is 'firm' or 'certain.' It contains the idea of solidarity, validity, faithfulness, and steadfastness.... [In the NT] It can also designate that which is reliable or trustworthy as opposed to human falsehood." – Eerdman's Bible Dictionary
- f. "*I bow before your holy Temple as I worship. I will give thanks to your name for your unfailing love and **faithfulness**, because **your promises are backed by all the honor of your name***" (Psalm 138:2; NLT)
- g. Hearing God's Word brings praise because hearing God's Word imparts faith (v. 4, see also Rom. 10:17)

#### 2. The God's Word is Dependable

- a. Psalm 119:89-92
- b. Faithfulness – God's truth (Strong's dictionary – stability).
- c. Adam Clarke – "Thy faithfulness - That which binds thee to accomplish the promise made."

- d. The Psalmist points out the fact that God's Word is settled, making it dependable
- e. Settled (Hebrew) – Fix, establish, make permanent.
- f. Webster's dictionary on "settled" – To determine what is uncertain; to free from doubt.
- g. Barnes Notes - The meaning here is, that the word - the law - the promise - of God was made firm, established, stable, in heaven; and would be so forever and ever.
- h. *Your Word and truth are dependable as ever; that's what you ordered--you set the earth going. If your revelation hadn't delighted me so, I would have given up when the hard times came* (vv. 91, 92; The Message).

### 3. The Right Way to "Judge" God

- a. There is a right way and a wrong way to judge Him. He is pleased to have us judge Him in the same manner that Sarah did:
- b. Heb. 11:11
- c. The word "faithful" means "one.... worthy of trust."
- d. *"she considered [God] Who had given her the promise to be reliable and trustworthy and true to His word."* (The Amplified Bible).
- e. Sarah was a "Father-pleaser" in that she saw that God could be trusted to perform the thing He has promised
- f. *"....and hast performed thy words; for thou art righteous."* (Neh. 9:8). The word "perform" in the Hebrew (according to some dictionaries) means, "to do, fashion, accomplish, make, produce, act with effect, bring about."
- g. *When he had proved himself faithful, you made a covenant with him to give him and his descendants the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Jebusites, and Girgashites. **And you have done what you promised, for you are always true to your word*** (Neh. 9:8; NLT).

### 4. The Wrong Way to "Judge" God

- a. All too often, God is compared to unfaithful mortal men and is deduced to be untrustworthy by this low standard
- b. Rom. 3:3-4.

- c. *Although not all believe God's words, this does not affect His faithfulness towards those He had chosen. It is unthinkable that He would ever be unfaithful; **He is true and trustworthy in every way**, even though no man can make such a claim about himself (The Truth New Testament)*
- d. God is so confident in the validity of His own Word that if He were to be placed on trial the evidence would point towards His vindication.
- e. *"If we are faithless [do not believe and are untrue to Him], He remains true (faithful to His Word and His righteous character), for He cannot deny Himself" (1 Tim. 2:13; Amplified Bible).*

## 5. God is a Doer of His Word

- a. God is *NOT* like man. God assures us that He is *nothing* like men. He does exactly what he promises.
- b. Numbers 23:19.
- c. *His **faithfulness** to His Word is the basis of our **faith** in His Word.*
- d. The histories of the Lord's faithfulness are so many that time would fail us to repeat them all. God's words have always in due time been justified by God's acts. God has dealt with men according to His promise. Whenever they have taken hold upon the promise and said, "Do as thou hast said" (2 Sam. 7:25), God has responded to the plea and proved that it is no vain thing to trust Him. Throughout all time it has been God's unvarying rule to keep His word to the letter and to the moment – C. H. Spurgeon
- e. The trustworthiness of God's Word is seen in the fact that He does what he promises and God always does as He has promised (Deu. 15:6; 26:19; Josh. 22:4; 23:10, 15; 1 Kings 5:12; 8:20, 56; 9:5; 2 Kings 8:19; 2 Chron. 6:15, 16; Jer. 32:42; 33:14).
- f. *Your kingdom is a kingdom eternal; you never get voted out of office. **GOD always does what he says**, and is gracious in everything he does (Psalm 145:13; The Message by Eugene Peterson)*
- g. One who is indeed faithful to His Word gives us a basis for confidence that He will *do* that Word
- h. His trustworthiness is the basis of our trust in him.