

Thinking About God...

Many people have many different ideas about whether God exists, who He may be, and what He may be like. The Bible does not set out to “prove” the existence of God. It simply assumes that God does exist and is the supreme creator of all that exists. The Bible states that God is the pre-existent uncaused-cause of creation (Genesis 1:1ff). He is knowable and yet incomprehensible (Job 11:7-12; 36:26; Isaiah 40:18).

In Creation, in Jesus Christ, and in the Bible God reveals to us His nature (how God acts) and essence (who God is). The revelation of God’s nature and essence are called His attributes. Some of these attributes go beyond our ability as humans to understand (i.e. the attribute of “eternity” - that God is free from the limitations of time and exists in one indivisible present) Just thinking about these attributes causes our minds to spin. However, some of the attributes of God do have a correlation to our experiences as humankind. These are called God’s “communicable attributes”.

One such communicable attribute is **THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD**.

Unfaithfulness is one of the most outstanding sins that we experience these days. In the business world, with increasingly rare exceptions, a person’s word is no longer their bond. Socially, marital infidelity is so common place it almost seems like it is to be expected in marriage. The covenant of marriage is discarded with as much regard as the discarding of old clothes. In the church - so many who have committed themselves to preach the Gospel do not hesitate to attack it. And, in how many ways have we been unfaithful to Jesus - to the life and privileges which God has entrusted to us.

It is really refreshing to consider the faithfulness of God. That God is faithful - in all things - at all times. Because God is faithfulness His word is His bond. He keeps His promises. Every declaration, every prophecy, every covenant, and every threatening He will make good. God never forgets, never fails, never falters. He is absolutely reliable. Faithfulness is essential to His being - one of the glorious perfections of God. For God to be anything other than faithful would be against His nature and impossible. (Numbers 23:19; Deuteronomy 7:9; Psalm 36:5; 100:5; 89:9; Isaiah 11:5; Lamentations 3:22,23; 2 Timothy 2:12,13)

Because God is faithfulness we can be preserved from worry and anxiety. We can rest in Him. Trust in Him. Place our confidence in Him. Regardless of how we have strayed away from Him, He is faithful to us. Whatever our circumstance, whether in darkness or light, despair or hope, we can trust the continuance of His everlasting faithfulness towards His people. He is always there.

When we trustfully resign ourselves, and all our affairs into God’s hands, fully persuaded of His faithfulness, the sooner we will come to understand just how greatly he loves and is committed to each one of us.
