

But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one

2 Thessalonians 3:3 NIV



BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH

Worship & Communion Service

Sunday, July 4, 2021

Morning Worship In-Person & Live Stream - 10:40am
 <https://www.youtube.com/user/bereanbarbados/live>

Join us for Sunday School In-Person - 9:30am
There is a class for ALL ages

Midweek In-Person & Online Service (Wednesday)
 **Noon and repeated 7:30 pm | ZOOM link provided**

In-Person Youth Group (Friday)
7:00 pm

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Faithfulness of God

Faithfulness of God - Discovering His Faithfulness

The faithfulness of God is true and has been proven many times. In the Holy Scriptures, we can see that God is faithful and His Word is true. Hebrews 6:18 says God cannot lie, nor can He break an unconditional promise that He says He will fulfill. Every covenant He made is kept. Every promise or foretelling has or will come true. Testimony after testimony of God's faithfulness is certainly found throughout the Bible and is still given in testimonies by people today.

In fact, accounts of covenants between God and His people can be found approximately 277 times in the Bible. Deuteronomy 7:9 says "Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments."

Faithfulness of God - Examples

The faithfulness of God is starkly evident in His relationship with the Hebrew/Jewish people. God made a land covenant with Abraham (patriarch of many nations) and has never withdrawn what He has promised. Though the Jewish people have been scattered around the world, God promised they would return to the land He promised Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all their descendants (Zechariah 8:7-8).

Among God's fulfilled promises was that the people of Israel would again become a nation in the land He says is theirs. This prophecy made in the Old Testament was fulfilled in May of 1948. Since then, the Jewish people have been returning home.

More examples of God's faithfulness to keep His covenants with others are found in the following verses:

- To Noah (God will save Noah and his family) – Genesis 6:17-18; 9:9-17
- To Ishmael (God will bless Ishmael and his descendants)
– Genesis 17:18-20
- To Moses (God will spare the Israelites if they obey) – Exodus 19:5
- To Jacob (God reaffirms everlasting covenant to Israel) – Psalm 105:10

There are literally dozens more scriptures of God's faithfulness. None however may be the most life-changing as those that proclaim His forgiveness of our sins. There are many Old Testament prophecies promising a coming Messiah or Savior. God's faithful promise was fulfilled in the New Testament when He sent Jesus to atone for our sins. No matter what sins we have committed, no matter how "bad" we are, God is faithful to forgive us if we accept Jesus and repent of our sins.

- God sent His Son, (Matthew 1:21-22) through Him we have everlasting life - John 3:16
- Christ died for our atonement of sin - 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10
- God's promise to remove sins - Romans 11:25-27
- God ordained Jesus, author of eternal salvation - Hebrews 5:5-10
- God will toss our sin into the depths of the sea (never to be remembered again) - Micah 7:18-19

Faithfulness of God - The Promises

God is so faithful that anyone who seeks Him can find Him. Faith is a gift, but even a gift must be opened to be enjoyed. As we implement our faith, we begin to realize more and more about God's faithfulness to us.

- 1 Corinthians 1:9 - "God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful."
- 1 Corinthians 10:13 - "No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so you can stand up under it."
- 2 Thessalonians 3:3 - "The Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one."

In 1 John 1:9 we are told, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." With absoluteness we can have the confidence that God will forgive us. Without His ability to do so, He would not be God. He is the only true God (John 17:3) and the gods of no other religion promises this. Since He has made this promise, and we know He cannot break His word, we know that it would be contrary to His nature and that He cannot lie (Numbers 23:19). Our God is a faithful God and there is no other that can do all He can and has done.

Order of Service

“GOD IS FAITHFUL...”

1. Call to Worship
2. Announcements - Secretary Celeste Porte
3. Meditation & Invocation
4. **Hymn 530 - Shelter in The Time of Storm** (vs. 1,3,4)
5. **Hymn 818 - Great is Thy Faithfulness**
6. **Scripture Reading - Psalm 19: 1 - 11**
7. **Hymn 516 - We Have an Anchor** (vs. 1,2,4)
8. **Hymn 576 - Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us** (vs. 1,2,4)
9. Prayer
10. Offertory Hymn #406 - God Leads us Along
11. **Hymn 867 - The Old Account Was Settled** (vs.1,2,5)
12. Special Music - Sis Ezra Gilbert
13. Sermon - Pastor Paul Garnes
14. **Hymn 580 - He leadeth Me** (vs.1,2,4)
15. Distribution of Elements
16. Dismissal Chorus - **He is Exalted**
17. Benediction



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

- Give thanks for sparing lives during the passing of Hurricane Elsa and for restoration of homes, livelihood and damaged property.
- For St. Vincent, St. Lucia, and other territories such as Jamaica and Cuba in the path of Hurricane Elsa.
- Against gun violence and other societal ills.
- Pray for the ministry and wellbeing of our Pastor and family.
- For healing for our sick members.
- For grace for our shut-in members.
- For the Berean Church families in The DR Congo as they combat Covid-19, the volcanic activity in Goma and related challenges.
- For the friends of Berean - The Gilmours, Haecks, Hulls, Moores, Montagues, Porchers, Rogers, Rudders and Taylors.
- For our unemployed members to find meaningful employment.
- For the economic recovery of our country Barbados.
- For the peace of Jerusalem.

July Birthdays



1st - Kenmore Maycock
5th - Marcelle Griffith
6th - Cheryl Brewster
10th - Valda Foster
11th - Gwendolyn Spencer
12th - Jocelyn Hoyte
13th - Norma Thompson

13th - Barry Ward
15th - Leianne Bovell
22nd- Christopher Ward
25th - Ann Proverbs
26th - Gaynelle Jemmott
27th - Goldie Spieler
28th - Delano Austin

28th - Chanté James
- Janice Reece
29th - Joan Osborne

AUGUST

1st - Louise Moore

July Anniversaries



1st - Kenmore & Carol Maycock

2nd - Owen & Jenny Thompson

27th - Lucy & Carl Crichlow