

God is Faithful Session 1 – Judge Him Faithful

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I. Introduction

A. What is Faithfulness?

1. The quality of being faithful
2. Being loyal, steadfast, constant, true, devoted,
3. One who is faithful is dependable
4. You can count on the faithful
5. God is faithful to the extreme! – *None more faithful than Him*

B. What does the Bible say about the Faithfulness of God

Psalm 33:4 (NIV) – *For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.*

Lamentations 3:22-23 (KJV) – ²²*It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. ²³They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.*

2 Timothy 2:13 (NIV) – *if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself*

1 Thessalonians 5:24 (KJV) – *The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.*

C. Faithful Biblical Definition – *Original Greek*

1. One who has shown themselves faithful in a business transition, in the execution of command, and discharge of official duties
2. One worthy of trust
3. One who can be relied on

II. Judging God Faithful

A. Although God is faithful, we must judge him to be faithful

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1. Judged = esteemed – thought – supposed
2. Other Versions – Considered, regarded, She was sure, counted,

B. Sarah’s Original Promise

Genesis 18:9-15 (KJV) – ⁹*And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.* ¹⁰*And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.* ¹¹*Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.* ¹²*Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my LORD being old also?* ¹³*And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?* ¹⁴*Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.* ¹⁵*Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.*

1. God showed up with an incredible promise
2. Sarah heard the incredible promise, but it was too good to be true
 - a. The promises of God were overwhelming to her in light of the great circumstances – natural evidence standing against the promise she had received.
 - b. This can't be.
 - c. *¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹²Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my LORD being old also?*
 - d. NOTE: There will always be circumstances standing in the way of your miracle – Sarah's were EXTREME!
 - e. She Laughed – she doubted – she didn't immediately rejoice in faith. She didn't immediately judge him faithful
3. After 25 years, Sarah judged God Faithful

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1. Through faith she received strength to conceive
Her body changed as her faith grew stronger
2. Faith produced once it was able to JUDGE GOD FAITHFUL.

C. Miracles are connected to our ability to judge God faithful

1. God's faithfulness was the same the first day God appeared to Abraham and Sarah as it was 25 years later when Isaac was born.
2. God's promise was filled with power to produce Isaac the first day God spoke the it.
3. The only difference in the story is the faith level of Abraham and Sarah the day the original promise was made and the day that the promise became a manifestation with the birth of Isaac.

4. There was a day – when Sarah judged God FAITHFUL – Now faith can work/produce.
5. She judged him/declared him/was convinced of him/thought him to be/supposed him to be/FAITHFUL
6. FAITHFUL = Able/willing/trustworthy/he is a person who has shown himself faithful in all of his business/He is one I can rely upon/he is one who has shown himself faithful in the discharge of all of this official duties!
7. Sarah – “This faithful God – will be faithful to His Word that he spoke to me. *Regardless of circumstances, hindrances, opposition, HE IS FAITHFUL and will do what he said he will do.*

III. Things to consider

1. The promise was ready to work when Abraham and Sarah were ready – At any time from the moment God spoke it.
2. The promise was waiting on someone to Judge the one who said it – FAITHFUL
3. The promises were filled with power/but needed a RECEIVER
4. You are ready to receive when you can judge Him Faithful who has promised.
5. The promise that works for you is the promise that you judge faithful
 - a. The promise that saves you Rom 10:9-10
 - b. The promise that heals you 1 Peter 2:24
 - c. The Promise that blesses you
 - d. The promise that delivers you
 - e. The promise that protects you – Ps 91
6. Find the promise/judge the promise and the one who gave it to be faithful – Ready to Receive!