

280. God Is Faithful.

The Word of the Lord Is right, and all His works are done In truth. *Ps. 33, 4.*

God is true and faithful in all things. His love does not change. All the promises of God are fulfilled and made true. "God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord." 1 Cor. 1, 9. God is the Source of all truth and veracity. When He speaks, every word is as true as Himself. It is impossible for God to lie. The Apostle Paul writes to the Romans: "Let God be true, but every man a liar, as it is written, That Thou mightest be justified in Thy sayings."

But not only is it impossible for God to lie, it also is impossible for Him to feel sorry for anything He has said, threatened, or promised. 1 Sam. 15, 29 we read: "The Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent; for He is not a man that He should repent." Men often threaten or promise something for which they soon feel sorry and repent, because they changed their mind and saw that they could not keep their word. But it cannot happen to the eternal Spirit, infinite in wisdom, the God who governs upon earth and judges in the earth, in whose hands are the hearts of kings and the destinies of nations; the All-wise, who brings the counsel of the heathen to naught; the sovereign Lord, who determines all events and shapes the fate of every living soul. True, it is said of God that at the time of the Flood He repented having made man. It grieved Him to see that man had become so wicked. But it is impossible that God should repent like a man; He cannot change any word He has spoken. His Word is always true.

He is faithful. He will never change His kindness and mercy toward us. It is true what He promises Ps. 89, 34: "My covenant will I not break nor alter the thing that is gone out of My lips." Let us, therefore, cling to this faithful God as our Refuge, and say: "The Lord is my Fortress, my God; in Him will I trust." "Cast all your care upon Him, for He careth for you." 1 Pet. 5, 7.

Prayer.

I thank Thee, Lord, my faithful God, with my whole heart and continually honor Thy name. I called unto Thee, and Thou hast heard my voice, and my cry did enter into Thine ears, and Thou hast comforted me. Thou hast faithfully stood by me, graciously upheld my soul, and delivered me. O Thou faithful God, help me, by Thy Spirit, to pay my vows and never to forget what Thou hast done for my soul, that I may not only spread Thy praise while in this mortal frame, but also sing everlasting hallelujahs to Thee. Amen.

Praise Him for His grace and favor
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless;
Praise Him who repenteth never,
Glorious in His faithfulness!

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