

The Faithful God

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I. Introduction

A. Where it is found

Dt 7:9 "Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

B. Notes for 7:9 (The NET Bible First Edition Notes)

1. **"the God."** The article here expresses uniqueness
TEV "is the only God";
NLT "is indeed God."
2. **"who keeps covenant and loyalty."**
should be understood not as "covenant" plus "loyalty"
but as an adverbial construction in which ("loyalty") modifies the verb ("keeps").
3. **Interpretation**
We could interpret the verse this way = "the God", "keeps" and "is loyal" (to His) "covenant".

C. Thoughts from Rafael Gomez:

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Dt 7:9 - the faithful God = (Hebrew) El HaNe'eman -
El (The God) + HaNe'eman (Faithful) = The Faithful God:

Everything (El) The Mighty One
says and does is 100% reliable;
He is completely trustworthy.

D. God's name is faithful

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Isa 25:1 O LORD, You are my God; I will exalt You, I will give thanks to Your name; For You have worked wonders, Plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness.

Rev 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.

Rev 3:14 The Amen, the faithful and true Witness,

II. God is Faithful

A. He is a God of faithfulness

Dt 32:4 "The Rock! His work is perfect, for all His ways are just; a God of faithfulness and without injustice, righteous and upright is He.

Because He is faithful - He is the Rock!
His work is perfect.
All his ways are just.
In fact, there is no injustice in Him.
He is righteous and upright in all of His dealings, because He is faithful

B. We have prophetic promises because "He is faithful".

Ps 89:36-37 "His descendants shall endure forever and his throne as the sun before Me. 37 "It shall be established forever like the moon, and the witness in the sky is faithful ."

Isa 49:7-8 Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and its Holy One, to the despised One, to the One abhorred by the nation, to the Servant of rulers, "kings will see and arise, princes will also bow down, because of the LORD who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen You." 8 Thus says the LORD, "In a favorable time I have answered You, and in a day of salvation I have helped You;

Hos 11:12 Judah is also unruly against God, even against the Holy One who is faithful .

C. Faithfulness is part of God's character

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1 Co 1:9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Thes 5:24 Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

D. All His work is done in faithfulness

Ps 33:4 For the word of the LORD is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness .

E. He keeps covenant because He is faithful

De 7:9 "Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

Ps 111:5 He has given food to those who fear Him; He will remember His covenant forever.

Isa 55:3 And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, according to the faithful mercies shown to David.

III. Description of God's faithfulness

A. Great

Lam 3:22-23 The LORD'S loving kindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. 23 They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness .

B. Incomparable

Ps 89:8 O LORD God of hosts, who is like You, O mighty LORD? Your faithfulness also surrounds You.

C. Unfailing

Ps 89:33 "But I will not break off My lovingkindness from him, nor deal falsely in My faithfulness

2 Ti 2:13 (11-13) 11 For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him; 12 If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us; 13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

D. Established

Ps 89:2 For I have said, "Lovingkindness will be built up forever; in the heavens You will establish Your faithfulness ."

Isa 25:1 O LORD, You are my God; I will exalt You, I will give thanks to Your name; for You have worked wonders, plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness .

E. Everlasting

Ps 100:5 For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations

Ps 119:89-90 Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven. 90 Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations; You established the earth, and it stands.

Ps 146:6 Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them; Who keeps faith forever;

F. Infinite

Ps 36:5 Your lovingkindness, O LORD, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

IV. Because He is faithful - He acts on our behalf

A. The bride knows His faithfulness

Hos 2:20 And I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness. then you will know the LORD.

B. He judges people in faithfulness

Ps 96:13 Before the LORD, for He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in His faithfulness.

C. He remembers us - He doesn't forget us.

Ps 98:3 He has remembered His lovingkindness and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;

D. God's promises are yes - because He is faithful

2 Co 1:18-20 But as God is faithful , our word to you is not yes and no. 19 For the Son of God, Christ Jesus, who was preached among you by us--by me and Silvanus and Timothy--was not yes and no, but is yes in Him. 20 For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us.

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful ;

E. Jesus our high priest - because He is faithful he made propitiation for sins.

Heb 2:17 Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

Prophetic promise about the Messiah

Ps 89:24 "My faithfulness and My lovingkindness will be with him, and in My name his horn will be exalted.

F. He forgives sins - because He is faithful

1 Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

G. He protects us - because He is faithful

Ps 91:4 He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark.

2 Thes 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.

H. In temptation -

1 Co 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

because He is faithful;

He will not allow you to be tempted beyond your ability to overcome it.

He will provide a way for you to escape it

I. In suffering - He is still faithful

Ps 119:75 I know, O LORD, that Your judgments are righteous, and that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.

J. He will accomplish His work in us - because He is faithful

1 Thes 5:24 Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

Example of Sarah

Heb 11:11 By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful who had promised.

IV. Our part

A. Prayer - In prayer we ask God for His faithfulness

Ps 143:1 Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications! Answer me in Your faithfulness, in Your righteousness!

B. Praise and worship - In praise and worship we declare His faithfulness

Ps 89:5 The heavens will praise Your wonders, O LORD; Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.

Ps 92:1-2 It is good to give thanks to the LORD and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; 2
To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning and Your faithfulness by night,

C. Proclamation - Our testimony proclaims His faithfulness

Ps 40:10 ... I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your
lovingkindness and Your truth from the great congregation.

Ps 89:1 ... To all generations I will make known Your faithfulness with my mouth.

D. Confessing - His promises

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is
faithful;

E. His word - we declare and hold fast His word, because His Word is faithful

Tit 1:9 holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able
both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

Rev 21:5 And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said,
"Write, for these words are faithful and true."

F. In suffering - we entrust your soul to the faithful Creator

1 Pt 4:19 Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a
faithful Creator in doing what is right.