GOD IS FAITHFUL
Hebrews 10:23

Please turn with me in your Bibles to Hebrews the tenth chapter.

READ: Hebrews 10:23

“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.”

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Introduction

Tonight I want us to focus for a few minutes on one of the most wonderful attributes of God and that is His faithfulness.

When We Think of Faithfulness.......... 

*We think of an ELDERLY COUPLE who has “stuck together” through thick and thin for 50-60 years.

When We Think of Faithfulness.......... 

*We think of THE FAMILY DOG who loves to lick us and be by our side no matter what kind of mood we’re in or what kind of day we’ve had.

When We Think of Faithfulness.......... 

*We think of that CLOSE FRIEND who knows everything there is to know about us and still loves us any way.
Sadly, we are living in a day and time when FAITHFULNESS is The “exception” rather than “the rule.”

*How many marriages fall apart as the result of UNFAITHFULNESS on the part of one or both spouses.

*How many business partnerships fall apart because of UNFAITHFULNESS on the part of one or both partners to uphold the contract?

*Think of all the politicians who make bold promises during their campaign, then once they are elected, they are NOT FAITHFUL in keeping those promises.

While there is so much UNFAITHFULNESS in our human relationships, we can be certain there is ONE who is ALWAYS FAITHFUL. And that is GOD!

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I would like for you to follow along with me in your Bibles as we look at several verses that remind us of GOD’S FAITHFULNESS.

DEUTERONOMY 7:9  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 commands.

PSALM 36:5  Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the skies.

PSALM 37:7a  How priceless is your unfailing love!

PSALM 89:2  I will declare that your love stands firm Forever, that you established your Faithfulness in heaven itself.
LAMENTATIONS 3:22, 23 Because of the Lord’s great love We are not consumed, for his compassions never Fail. They are new every morning; great is your Faithfulness.

And Let’s Look At A Couple in the New Testament……

I THESSALONIANS 5:24 The one who calls you is Faithful and he will do it.

HEBREWS 13: 5 Keep your lives free from the love of Money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake You.”

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**FAITHFULNESS is one attribute of GOD’S UNCHANGING NATURE**

GOD has always been FAITHFUL!
GOD still is FAITHFUL!
GOD always will be FAITHFUL!

Time after time in His word, God demonstrates His faithfulness to His people.

GOD was FAITHFUL to bring NOAH and HIS FAMILY safely through the FLOOD.

GOD was FAITHFUL to bring the ISRAELITES out of EGYPTIAN CAPTIVITY.

GOD was FAITHFUL to provide food every day during the ISRAELITES forty years of wandering in the wilderness.

GOD was FAITHFUL to provide a new leader in JOSHUA following the death of MOSES.....a leader who took them into the Promised Land.
GOD was FAITHFUL to protect DANIEL while he was in the den of hungry lions.

GOD was FAITHFUL to deliver SHADRACH, MESHECH and ABEDNEGO from the fiery furnace.

GOD was FAITHFUL to JESUS when he was tempted for 40 days and nights in the Judean desert.

GOD was FAITHFUL to deliver JESUS from the GRAVE by resurrecting him to life on the Third Day.

GOD was FAITHFUL to deliver Paul and Silas from the Philippian Jail.

AND GOD was FAITHFUL to deliver all mankind from SIN by sending HIS ONE AND ONLY SON here to die on the Cross.

I say it again.........

GOD HAS ALWAYS BEEN FAITHFUL!
GOD STILL IS FAITHFUL!
GOD ALWAYS WILL BE FAITHFUL!

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How Does God Demonstrate His Faithfulness to You and Me?

(A) God Is FAITHFUL To Keep All of His PROMISES

Psalm 145:13b  The Lord is faithful to all his promises
And loving toward all he has made.

Numbers 23:19—"God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind; does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?"

We’ve all had people make promises to us from time only to break their promise for one reason or another.

And if the truth is known, perhaps we ourselves have made a promise or two we have failed to keep.
BUT GOD IS FAITHFUL TO KEEP ALL HIS PROMISES......

- If God promises to never leave us or forsake us, He will never leave us or forsake us.

- If God promises to supply all our needs through His glorious riches in Christ Jesus, He will supply all our needs.

- If God promises to work for our good in all circumstances, we can be sure God is working for our good in ALL circumstances.

- If God promises us He has prepared a place for us to live with him for all eternity, then we can be sure God has prepared such a place!

YES, GOD IS FAITHFUL TO KEEP HIS PROMISES

B. God is also FAITHFUL to deliver us in times of TROUBLE

Psalm 34:7  The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; He delivers them from all their troubles.

Psalm 50:15  Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me.”

You know what this means? It means GOD is just as faithful to you and me on BAD days as is He is on GOOD days!

GOD is just as FAITHFUL when everything seems to be going WRONG as He is when everything seems to be going RIGHT!

GOD is just as FAITHFUL when it seems like the whole world is on top of us as He is when it seems we are on top of the world.

GOD is just as FAITHFUL on our WORST DAYS as He is on our BEST days.
You see, our CIRCUMSTANCES are always changing, but GOD’S FAITHFULNESS to us never does!

Yes, GOD is FAITHFUL to deliver us in times of TROUBLE!

(C) God is also FAITHFUL to deliver us in times of TEMPTATION

I 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 that you can stand up under it.

Every day we are faced with TEMPTATION! Every day, Satan launches yet another attack on us! Every day, Satan tries to trip us up and drag us down!

BUT Paul has reminded us in this verse that GOD IS FAITHFUL to provide a way out of every temptation if we will just trust in His power rather than our own.

YES, GOD IS FAITHFUL TO DELIVER US IN TIMES OF TEMPTATION

(D) God is FAITHFUL to FORGIVE us when we CONFESS our sins and repent of them

I JOHN 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Many Christians are living in defeat because they have never been able to take God at His word that He has forgiven all of their sins through the blood of Christ.

Haunted by the guilt of past sins, many Christians live in uncertainty about their salvation.

I John 1:9 is teaching us that forgiveness is not a
“feeling”……but rather it is a matter of believing in and trusting in the **FAITHFULNESS** of GOD to forgive! **You either believe in a forgiving God or you don’t!** Its that simple! And the GOD of the Bible is a GOD who is faithful to forgive!

**(E)** God is even **FAITHFUL** to us even when we are not **FAITHFUL** to Him.

**II Timothy 2: 11-13**  Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him, we will also live with Him.

If we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us;

If we are faithless, he will remain faithful For he cannot disown himself.

That 13th verse speaks volumes about the faithfulness Of GOD.

**GOD’S FAITHFULNESS** cannot be altered or changed by you and me.

When I look back over my life at all the times when my FAITH was weak……all the times I DOUBTED when I should have trusted……and all the times I have FAILED miserably, I think to myself, “God should have and could have given up on me a long, long time ago!” But He didn’t! He didn’t give up on me because I was deserving.......HE DIDN’T GIVE UP ON ME BECAUSE HE IS FAITHFUL!
CONCLUSION

In closing, I want to share with you a beautiful thought about the FAITHFULNESS OF GOD that I read in my “Streams In The Desert” devotional book.

Who among us doesn’t enjoy looking down a long road lined with beautiful trees. The trees are a delightful sight and seem to be forming a temple of plants, with strong wooden pillars and arches of leaves.

In the same way you look down a beautiful road like this, why not look back on the road of the years of your life? Look at the large green limbs of God’s mercy overhead and the strong pillars of His loving-kindness and FAITHFULNESS that have brought you so much joy. Do you see any birds singing in the branches? If you will look closely, surely you will see many for they are singing of God’s mercy received thus far.

In times of NEED, GOD has always provided, hasn’t HE?

In times of TROUBLE and TRIAL, GOD has always seen you through, hasn’t HE?

In times of SORROW and GRIEF, GOD has always given you the COMFORT and STRENGTH to go on, hasn’t HE?

If GOD has always been FAITHFUL, can you think of any reason why GOD would not continue to be FAITHFUL to you today.....tomorrow.....and in the days and weeks to come until your earthly journey is through?

“So let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.”