

# MESSAGE

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Knowing Him Who is True, Being in Him Who is True  
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**TITLE : GOD IS FAITHFUL AND TRUE**  
Text/s :

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Bible Reading :

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12 So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

15 For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

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Song/s :

- Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul

- What A Day That Will Be
- Great is Thy Faithfulness

Other references :

Instructions :

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## INTRODUCTION

Rev 22:6-7

6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

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### He is Faithful and True

The term Faithful and True are words that are only attributed to God and His word. The whole Bible presents it this way.

Rev 3:14

14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

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Rev 19:11-16

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND Lord OF LordS.

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Rev 21:5-7

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

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But we need to take note that there are two aspects, two sides to our theme this year.

First, that we should be established in the fact that only God and His word are faithful and true. He is the one referred to in our theme as Being Faithful and True. There is no other person referred in the word of truth as being faithful and true but Him.

One the other side, because we are God's people by faith in Christ, and by His Spirit, His word is set in our hearts, we then can be faithful and true, all on the basis of His being faithful and true.

1 John 5:20

20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

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## **BODY**

### **A) He is Faithful**

**God is truth. He Himself is truth.**

Deut 32:4

4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

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Ps 25:10

10 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

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But for us to know that He is truth, He has to make a testament, a covenant, a word settled. Without such, we will never find God to be true. God being truth and being faithful are inseparable attributes.

Deut 7:9

9 Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

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Heb 6:13-18

13 For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself, 14 Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

16 For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.

17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:

18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

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The writer of the great song Great is Thy Faithfulness delivers this to us. But more so, the writer of Lamentations 3 himself.

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Lam 3:19-26

19 Remember my utter misery,  
the wormwood and the gall.  
20 They are always on my mind;  
this is why I am so depressed.

21 But in my mind I keep returning to something,  
something that gives me hope –  
22 that the grace of Adonai is not exhausted,  
that his compassion has not ended.  
23 [On the contrary,] they are new every morning!  
How great your faithfulness!  
24 “Adonai is all I have,” I say;  
“therefore I will put my hope in him.

25 Adonai is good to those waiting for him,  
to those who are seeking him out.  
26 It is good to wait patiently  
for the saving help of Adonai.  
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Lam 3:1-26

3 <sup>1</sup> I am the man who has seen affliction  
under the rod of his fury.  
2 He has led me and made me walk  
in darkness and not in light.  
3 Against me alone he turns his hand  
again and again, all day.  
4 He has worn away my skin and flesh,  
he has broken my bones.  
5 He has besieged and surrounded me  
with bitterness and hardship.  
6 He has made me live in darkness,  
like those who are long dead.  
7 He has walled me in, so I can't escape;  
he has weighed me down with chains.  
8 Even when I cry out, pleading for help,  
he shuts out my prayer.  
9 He has barred my way with blocks of stone,  
he has made my paths crooked.

- 10 He lies in wait for me like a bear,  
like a lion in hiding.
- 11 He has forced me aside and torn me to pieces,  
leaving me stunned.
- 12 He has bent his bow and used me  
as a target for his arrows.
- 13 He has pierced my vital organs  
with shafts from his quiver.
- 14 I'm a laughingstock to all my people,  
the butt of their taunts all day long.
- 15 He has filled me with bitterness,  
sated me with wormwood.
- 16 He has broken my teeth with gravel  
and pressed me down into ashes.
- 17 I have been so deprived of peace,  
I have so forgotten what happiness is,  
18 that I think, "My strength is gone,  
and so is my hope in *Adonai*."
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But of course, how can the writer not remember what another writer had written:

Ps 89:28-37

- 28 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.  
29 His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.  
30 If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments;  
31 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments;  
32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.  
33 Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.  
34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.  
35 Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David.

36 His seed shall endure forever, and his throne as the sun before me.  
37 It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.  
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We need to understand that word of God, both testaments, are settled in heaven. You may not accept this but it is true. We cannot find God to be faithful except that the word of truth be really true in every aspect.

Matt 24:35

35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.  
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Prov 30:33

33 Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.  
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God's word is settled in heaven. It has been in Himself before the beginning of the world.

Ps 119:89-91

89 For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.  
90 Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.  
91 They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants.  
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Ps 148:1-13

1 Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights.  
2 Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.  
3 Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.  
4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.  
5 Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created.  
6 He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.  
7 Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:  
8 Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word:  
9 Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:  
10 Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:  
11 Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:  
12 Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:  
13 Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.  
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Isa 40:26

26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.  
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Isa 48:12-13

12 Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last.  
13 Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together.  
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Mal 3:6

6 For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.  
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1) **God is Faithful. By His word we are born again.**

1 Peter 1:23-25

23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

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Titus 1:1-3

1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

3 But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;

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John 6:63

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

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Heb 4:12

12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

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John 1:12-17

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

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Rom 10:8-10

8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

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Acts 2:41-42

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

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2) **God is Faithful. By His word we are washed, cleansed, set apart and drawn to Him.**

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Eph 5:25-27

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

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**3) God is faithful. By His word we are enriched and brought into His fellowship.**

1 Cor 1:4-9

4 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;

5 That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge;

6 Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:

7 So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**4) God is faithful. By His word we are made able to bear temptations.**

1 Cor 10:13

13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

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2 Cor 12:8-10

8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

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James 5:11-13

11 Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

12 But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.

13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

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#### 5) God is faithful. By His word we are kept, preserved.

2 Thess 3:1-3

1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:

2 And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.

3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

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1 Thess 5:23-24

23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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