

Faithful and Immutable

The attributes of God.

Elements Class: Sunday, Dec 20th

Choir Room 10:45am

God, being who He is, cannot cease to be what He is, and being what He is, He cannot act out of character with Himself. He is at once faithful and immutable, so all His words and acts must be and must remain faithful.

AW Tozer

God's attributes are not isolated traits of His character but facets of His unitary being. They are not things-in-themselves; they are, rather, thoughts by which we think of God aspects of a perfect whole, names given to whatever we know to be true of the Godhead.

To have a correct understanding of the attributes it is necessary that we see them all as one. We can think of them separately but they cannot be separated.

AW Tozer



All of God's attributes are
*equally important,
equally glorious,
and equally magnificent.*
But if there was one that was
all encompassing,
or that all the others were
contingent upon
it may be his
faithful immutability.

If God was not faithful and immutable...
we could not be certain that God would be
good, loving, merciful, and gracious tomorrow.
All of his other attributes would be much less
glorious if they were daily in the balance.



Faithfulness and immutability are essential to God's very being, without it He would not be God. For God to be able to be unfaithful would allow God to act contrary to His nature (and therefore cease to be God), which would be impossible. Faithfulness is one of the core glorious perfections of His being.

UNCHANGING

Permanent

Trustworthy

Ever-constant

Loyal

Unvaried

Steadfast

Unwavering

def·i·ni·tion

When we speak of the Faithfulness of God, we mean:

God is reliable in all his actions.

God is dependable and reliable in all his actions, all his motives, all his characteristics, all his promises.

The **steadfast love** of the LORD **never ceases; his mercies never come to an end**; they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

def·i·ni·tion

When we speak of the Faithfulness of God, we mean:

God is truly committed in all he does.

God is trustworthy in all his actions and he can be trusted to fulfill all that he commits to.

God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act?

Does he promise and not fulfill?

Numbers 23:19

def·i·ni·tion

When we speak of the Faithfulness of God, we mean:

God is truly constant in all his ways.

God is unwaveringly constant, steadfast and loyal in all his ways, in all his promises, in all his relationships in all his oaths.

Know therefore that the LORD your God is
God, **the faithful God who keeps covenant
and steadfast love** with those who love him
and keep his commandments...

Deuteronomy 7:9

def·i·ni·tion

When we speak of the Immutability of God, we mean:

God is unchanging.

God may change *the way* that he interacts with humans over time periods (*dispensations & covenants*) but *his character, his nature, his essence, his desires, his purposes, his commitments* **have never, will never and can never change.**

I am the LORD, and
I do not change.

Malachi 3:6

Every good and perfect gift is from above,
coming down from the Father
of the heavenly lights,
who does not change like shifting shadows.

James 1:17

Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday and today and forever.

Hebrews 13:8

def·i·ni·tion

When we speak of the Immutability of God, we mean:

God is established.

God's *character, nature, essence, desires, purposes and commitments* are **eternal and fixed**. They cannot be altered and they are utterly dependable.

Forever, O LORD, **Your word is settled** in heaven.

Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations; **You established the earth**, and it stands. They stand this day according to Your ordinances, For all things are Your servants.

Psalms 119:89-91

As for God, his way is perfect. The
word of Yahweh is sure.

He is a shield to all those who
take refuge in him.

Psalm 18:30

The LORD is my rock and my fortress
and my deliverer, My God, my rock,
in whom I take refuge; My shield
and the horn of my salvation,
my stronghold.

Psalms 18:2

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*We should be
so thankful for
the faithfulness of God.*



If God was not
faithful to his word
we would have
nothing!!!!

Upon God's faithfulness rests our whole hope of future blessedness. Only as He is faithful will His covenants stand and His promises be honored. Only as we have complete assurance that He is faithful may we live in peace and look forward with assurance to the life to come.

AW Tozer

It is good to **give thanks to the LORD**
And to sing praises to Your name, O
Most High; to declare Your
lovingkindness in the morning And
Your faithfulness by night...

Psalms 92:1-2

Enter His gates with **thanksgiving** And
His courts with praise. **Give thanks** to
Him, bless His name. For the LORD is
good; His lovingkindness **is everlasting**
And His faithfulness to all
generations...

Psalms 100:5

We should be
so worshipful because of the
consistency & dependability of God.



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Psalms 100:5

Imagine what the world would be like
if every government, every leader &
every spouse had the consistency,
dependability & fidelity of God!
Sadly, he is alone! And therefore he
alone is worthy to be praise!

We should strive to
imitate God's faithfulness in word.



And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. Simply **let your 'Yes' be 'Yes' or your 'No' be 'No'**; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

Matthew 5:36-37

PRACTICAL ACTION



**We should be reliable in our responses and commitments.
If we say we will be somewhere at a certain time or do a certain task, we should commit to following through.**



We should be direct and clear in our communication and seek to truly say what we mean and mean what we say.

We should strive to
imitate God's faithfulness in deed.



In the same way, let your light shine
before others, that they may see
your good deeds and glorify your
Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

Have you ever thought about what kind of deeds bring glory to God? Or which deeds shine the light onto God the MOST?

They are the deeds which reflect his glory
(full character) the most!

One who is faithful in a very little is
also faithful in much, and one who
is dishonest in a very little is also
dishonest in much.

Luke 16:10

PRACTICAL ACTION



**We should be dependable in all of our actions.
If we sign up for a group, attend a class, make a commitment to serve etc. we should be fully dependable & committed.**



Our spouse, our children, our co-workers should know that they can depend on us fully to do what we say and follow through.

We should strive to
imitate God's faithfulness in
relationships.



But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

Ruth 1:16

PRACTICAL ACTION



No matter how someone else treats us, our spouse, our children, our co-workers...we should be unrelenting in our commitment to them.



Over 54% of all 'Christian marriages' end in divorce. We are not very good at remaining faithful in even our largest commitments never mind the smaller ones.

*We should seek to be
consistent & reliable in all our
actions & attitudes.*



Imitate God, therefore, in
everything you do, because you are
his dear children.

Ephesians 5:1

PRACTICAL ACTION



When people think of us, they should know ‘what they are going to get’! They shouldn’t be wondering if ‘happy Bill’ will show up or ‘grumpy Bill’



Our spouses and children should know who they are going to ‘wake up to’. And they should know that we are unwavering in our commitment to them, if they wake up ‘different’.