

The Attributes of God: Week 8, Faithful & Immutable

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.

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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.

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

-God is _____ in all his actions. (*Lam 3:22-23*)

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

-God is truly _____ in all he does. (*Num 23:19*)

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

-God is truly _____ in all his ways. (*Deut 7:9*)

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

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

-God is _____. (*Mal 3:6, Jam 1:17, Heb 13:8*)

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.

-God is _____. (*Ps 119:89-91, 18:30, 18:2*)

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

How should this affect me?

-We should be so _____ for the faithfulness of God. (*Ps 92:1-2, 100:5*)

Personal Notes:

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

Personal Notes:

-We should strive to imitate God's faithfulness in _____. (Matt 5:36-37)

Personal Notes:

Action Steps:

- 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 _____. (Matt 5:16, Luke 16:10)

Personal Notes:

Action Steps:

- 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 _____. (Ruth 1:16)

Personal Notes:

Action Steps:

- 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 _____ & _____. (Eph 5:1)

Personal Notes:

Action Steps:

- 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'.