

Romans #065

“Our God is faithful” Part 2

Romans 4:17-18 Hebrews 11:11-12

“I recently read about an old man, walking the beach at dawn, who noticed a young man ahead of him picking up starfish and flinging them into the sea. Catching up with the youth, he asked what he was doing. The answer was that the stranded starfish would die if left in the morning sun. 'But the beach goes on for miles and miles and there are millions of starfish,' countered the man. 'How can your effort make any difference?' The young man looked at the starfish in his hand and then threw it to safety in the waves.

'It makes a difference to this one,' he said.” Hugh Duncan

Divine faithfulness is the grace expression of God’s perfect character and essence to the believer.

Divine faithfulness is the consistency of God’s character to do the same thing every time on the basis of who and what Jesus Christ is.

Faithfulness is the consistency and stability of God, it’s God being God.

The existence, function, provision and blessing of the royal family now and forever, depend on the unbending faithfulness of the character of God.

Verbal plenary inspiration means every word found in the Bible is given to us by God (verbal); everything in the Bible is authoritative (plenary) and every word is divinely originated and directed (inspired).

Breathing involves 2 factors: inhale/exhale.

The inhale is God the Holy Spirit communicating to human authors, God’s complete and coherent message.

The exhale is when human writers took the information and communicated it in writing.

God the Holy Spirit provided creation and civilization information to Moses so that we have what God intends for us to have regarding early history.

God uses the problems, pressures, prosperity, failures and successes of certain individuals to reveal principles of grace and His divine provision for life.

God supernaturally directed the human writers of Scripture so that without waiving their intelligence, individuality, literary style, personal feelings or any other human factor, His complete and coherent message to mankind was recorded with perfect accuracy in the original languages of Scripture; the very words bearing the authority of divine authorship.

The integrity of God provided certain promises and guarantees for Abraham which became the object of his faith-rest life, the OT system of spirituality in contrast to the filling of the Holy Spirit for the Church Age.

Faith-rest produces a relaxed mental attitude and freedom from mental attitude sins in the believer.

Isaiah 26:3-4

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in You.

Trust in the Lord forever,

for the Lord, the Lord Himself,

is the Rock eternal.

As Abraham matured spiritually, he had maximum function of faith-rest where his reality was not in the difficult circumstances of life but in the total ability of divine integrity to provide blessing and security under those circumstances.

All due to the fact that biblical truth resident in the soul of Abraham produced the strength for his faith to claim impossible promises in impossible situations.

Abraham will be circumcised and then he's going to have great sexual enhancement and a sexual prosperity that will last for nearly 80 yrs!

Abraham believed Him and Sarah considered Him faithful who had made the promise—she understood the integrity of God.

Power in life is in thought; everything else must submit to what we think.

Abraham's faith-rest in spiritual maturity was alive and powerful and while he was *sexually* dead, it was an entirely different story mentally and spiritually.

Abraham would have given in to despair and self-pity except for the fact that during those 13 years of sexual death, he had gone all of the way from rebellion to greater-grace, as he had learned a lot of biblical truth.

Abraham knew that the integrity of God is perfect and therefore the timing of God's integrity is also perfect.

Abraham must see beyond his hopeless situation to the fact that the justice of God has never been unfair in any way; it's there for him, so all he needs is the capacity to receive.

The source of the blessing is always the issue, not the blessing itself.