A Faithful God

Greg Kline · Judges 2:6–19

INTRODUCTION

- Time and again, we understand that God is a faithful God.
- I know what I should do, and I find myself falling short. How do I reconcile with that?

1 The Cycle of Sin

Judges 2:11–19; 2 Thessalonians 1:7–8

- And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord and served the Baals.
- What moved the Lord to action, what moved God to deliver them through a sent judge, was their repentance.
- Israel sins, God punishes them. Then Israel repents, God sends the judge, and the people are faithful while the judge lives.
- Those who do not obey will be punished, and you could absolutely make that point from the text of Judges chapter 2.

2 God Reigns Over the Nations

Psalm 47:7–8; Hebrews 3

- For God is the king of all the earth. Sing praises with a psalm. God reigns over the nations. God sits on his holy throne.
- But really, what did he do? He took other nations and punished them.
- Hebrews chapter 3 makes the point that you can fall away from the living God.
- God absolutely will punish sinners. We absolutely should turn from sin.

3 God Is Faithful to His People Who Cry Out

Judges 3:7–11; Judges 3:12–30

- But when the people of Israel cried out to the Lord, the Lord raised up a deliverer for the people of Israel who saved them.
- But who is God faithful to? His promise people who cry out to him.
- God is faithful to his people who seek to be faithful to him.
- We need to trust that our God is faithful, that he will deliver me if I will turn to him.

4 They Put Away the Foreign Gods

Judges 10:6–16

- God is not fooled. God is not mocked.
- Understand, God didn't put the people in the situation. Their sin, their rejection of God put them into this predicament.

- We have sinned. Do to us whatever seems good to you, only please deliver us this day. So they put away the foreign gods from among them and serve the Lord.
- Not only had they confessed to the Lord, but they did what in verse 16? They put away the foreign gods from among them and serve the Lord.

5 Will God Really Forgive Me When I Fall?

1 John 1:5–10; Ephesians 2

- Christ has paid the price for my sin. I can be forgiven, but just like with the Israelites, I have to confess.
- If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- My forgiveness does not rely upon my perfection, it relies upon my faithful God.
- They not only cried out to the Lord, but they put away the foreign gods and they serve the Lord. They repented of that sin.

6 A New Covenant Enacted on Better Promises

Hebrews 8:6–12; Jeremiah 31

- God will forgive because as we saw in the Old Testament, God is faithful.
- This new covenant is far greater. It's far better, and it's enabled and acted on better promises.
- But those are promises. And we can take those to the bank. Because God is faithful.
- For I will be merciful towards their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Trust that you can be forgiven because God says it's so.**

MY NOTES