

## Feed on His Faithfulness

*Psalms 37:3*

NKJV - Do not fret because of evildoers, nor be envious of the workers of iniquity. <sup>2</sup> For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. <sup>3</sup> Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. <sup>4</sup> Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.

Faithfulness is the quality or state of the one who can be trusted and reliable.

### I. The Faithfulness of God

- A. His Faithfulness is part of His **character**
  - A. 1 Cor. 1:9 - <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
  - B. 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 <sup>23</sup> Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.
- B. His faithfulness is **unfailing**
  - 1. 2 Timothy 2:13 - If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.
- C. His faithfulness is manifested in keeping His **covenant**
  - A. Deuteronomy 7:9 <sup>9</sup> “Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

Consider: Leviticus 2:13; Chronicles 13:5; Psalms 111:5

### II. He is Counted Faithful In the Midst of Adversity

- A. Feed on His faithfulness through **suffering** and **persecution** for the sake of the Gospel.
  - A. 1 Peter 4:19 - Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.
- B. Exemplary Case Studies:
  - A. David ~ 1 Samuel 22 Escapes to the Cave of Adullam
  - B. Daniel ~ Daniel 6 – The Plot Against Daniel
  - C. Paul ~ Acts 20:20,27 - <sup>20</sup> how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, ...  
<sup>27</sup> For I have not **[ ]**shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.

### III. Faithfulness in Ministry

- A. When it is all said and done will our legacy include our **faithfulness**?
  - 1. Timothy 1 Cor. 4:17 faithful son to Paul
  - 2. Tychicus, Ephesians 6:21; Colossians 4:9 faithful minister
  - 3. Epaphras, Colossians 1:7;4:12 faithful minister
  - 4. Onesimus, Colossians 4:9 faithful and beloved brother

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