

God's People Are to Be Faithful

(Hebrews 10:23)

Introduction:

1. This morning we showed from 1 Corinthians 10:13 that "*God is faithful*" [He is reliable, dependable, and trustworthy].
2. This evening we are turning our attention to the fact that "God's people are to be faithful" [we are to be reliable, dependable, and trustworthy].
3. In Hebrews 10:23 the appeal for God's people to be faithful is based on His faithfulness.
4. Let us begin by showing how . . .

Discussion:

I. THE BIBLE STRESSES THE NECESSITY OF FAITHFULNESS

- A. Matthew 10:22
- B. (Matthew 24:44-47) When Jesus returns, His faithful servants will be blessed.
- C. In Matthew 25 the necessity of faithfulness is also seen in:
 1. the reward of the 5-talent man (vs.21)
 2. the reward of the 2-talent man (vs.23)
 3. the punishment of the 1-talent man (vs.29-30).
- D. 1 Corinthians 4:2
- E. Revelation 2:10

II. THE BIBLE ALSO WARNS AGAINST UNFAITHFULNESS (Hebrews 3:12)

III. SINCE FAITHFULNESS IS SO IMPORTANT, LET US CONSTANTLY STRIVE TO GROW IN OUR FAITHFULNESS TO GOD

- A. Let us make up our minds that we are going to be faithful (Proverbs 23:7).
- B. Let us pray and ask the Lord to help us (Matthew 21:22).
- C. Let us study and meditate upon God's Word regularly (Romans 10:17).
- D. Let us obey the Lord's will (James 2:17-18).
- E. Let us put God's kingdom and His righteousness first in our lives (Matthew 6:33).
- F. Let us always remember that God is faithful (Psalm 119:90).

Conclusion:

1. (Hebrews 10:23a) We are exhorted to "*hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering.*"
2. (Hebrews 10:23b) One reason why we must do this is because "*He [God] is faithful that promised.*"