

The Wednesday Word, October 17, 2018: Our Faithful God

We are assured by Jesus himself that "not one sparrow can fall to the ground without permission" (Matthew 10:29).

Our God is faithful!

We are also told that we are of more value than many sparrows (Matthew 10:31). And no wonder we are valuable. We are the purchase of blood. God's blood (Acts 20:28). We, as His purchased possession, have the assurance that He is faithful (Deuteronomy 7:9).

All is well! He has not lost sight of you. He will supply.
He is faithful!

One of our problems is that we usually don't go to the Lord Jesus with our trials. We choose worry rather than trust. We don't; "Cast our burdens on the Lord." We forget that He will "sustain us" (Psalm 55:22).

He is faithful!

By the way, the word 'sustain' contains a promise of support. Christ's sustaining hand surrounds us whether we feel it or not. As we grow in grace, we learn to trust where we can't trace. In other words, we don't let our feelings dominate and guide us.

He is Faithful!

It is promised, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers (us) out of one or two of them" (Psalm 34:19). Are you serious? No! He delivers us from them all! Try Him! Trust Him! Venture yourself on Him!

He is Faithful!

Also, think of these further sustaining promises from our Faithful God: Philippians 4:2 "Thy God shall supply all your need according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."
Isaiah 33:16 "Bread shall be given, water shall be sure,"

Are you worried about finances? Here's some good news .. we have a faithful God. He isn't suffering a lack of funds. Look at Haggai 2:8 "The silver is mine, the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts." Then there's Psalm 50:10 which tells us that, "The cattle upon the thousand hills" are His. We are being cared for by the One who owns and possesses all and He's a giver not a taker.

The Lord can and does provide from the most unusual sources. This is clearly seen in Matthew 17. Money was needed for the temple tax. So, being near the lake, Jesus told Peter to throw out the line and take the first fish he caught, open its mouth and the money would be there.

The Lord Jesus provided money from a fish so let's be open to His abundance of supply coming to us in any manner.

" This God is the God I adore,
A faithful unchangeable friend;
His love is as great as his power,
And knows neither beginning nor end.
'Tis Jesus, the first and the last,
Whose Spirit shall guide me safe home;
I'll praise him for all that is past,
And trust him for all that's to come."

Frances Havergal, the hymn writer, could have felt forgotten by God. She suffered terribly from peritonitis and died from it in her early forties. On the last day of her life, she asked a friend to read Isaiah 42 to her. When the friend read the sixth verse, "I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee," Miss Havergal stopped her. She whispered,

"Called;"

"Held"

"Kept."

"I can go home on that!"

And, later that day she did go home on that, resting in the faithfulness of her God and Saviour Jesus Christ. One of her best-loved Hymns is, "Like a River Glorious." The third verse reads,

"Every joy or trial falleth from above,
Trac'd upon our dial by the Sun of Love;
We may trust Him fully all for us to do;
They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true."

It was true for her; it has been true of every one of God's elect,

Called;

Held;

Kept.

We can go home on that! Even when God seems to have forgotten us, we can trust Him and find Him wholly true.

He is the Faithful God.

And that's the Gospel Truth!