

墨爾本華人基督徒以勒團契

〈 聖 經 神 學 〉

(二) 「從聖經認識神的屬性」

(4) 「信實的神」

「所以，你要知道 耶和華你的神，祂是神，是「**信實的神**」；向愛祂，守祂誡命的人守約，施慈愛，直到千代；向恨祂的人當面報應他們，將他們滅絕。凡恨祂的人必報應他們，決不遲延。所以，你要謹守遵行我今日所吩咐你的誡命，律例，典章。(申 7:9-11)

「耶和華啊，祢的慈愛上及諸天，祢的「**信實**」達到窮蒼。」(詩 36:5)

「你當倚靠耶和華而行善，住在地上，以祂的「**信實**」為糧。」(詩 37:3)

「因為耶和華本為善，祂的慈愛存到永遠，祂的「**信實**」直到萬代。」(詩 100:5)

感謝神的恩典，神不單是聖潔，公義，慈愛的神，神更是「**信實的神**」，是守約施慈愛的神。祂的應許，祂的承諾，祂的提醒，祂的勸勉，祂的警告，必都成就，必都實現，必都應驗。正如神藉先知以賽亞的宣告：

「雨雪從天而降，並不返回，卻滋潤地土，使地上發芽結實，使撒種的有種，使要吃的有糧。我口中所出的話，也必如此，決不徒然返回，卻要成就我所喜悅的，在我發他去成就的事上必然亨通。」(賽 55:10-11)

盼望弟兄姊妹切切謹記，神的信實不是應驗在個人的感受經歷上，也不是在別人的體會見證上，乃是必然應驗，成就在聖經中神的話語上，神的應許上。

- **永恆不變的信實**

「我要歌唱耶和華的慈愛，直到「永遠」，我要用口將祢的「信實」傳與「萬代」。」（詩 89:1）

「天地都要滅沒，祢卻要「長存」．天地都要像衣服漸漸舊了；祢要將天地捲起來，像一件外衣，天地就都改變了．惟有祢「永不改變」，祢的年歲「沒有窮盡」．」（來 1:11-12）

「耶穌基督，昨日，今日，一直到「永遠是一樣」的．」（來 13:8）

- **堅守承諾的信實**

「因我曾說：祢的慈悲必建立到永遠，祢的「信實」必堅立在天上．我與我所揀選的人「立了約」，向我的僕人大衛「起了誓」．」（詩 89:2-3）

「我們縱然失信，祂仍是可信的，因為祂不能背乎自己．」（提後 2:13）

「也要堅守我們承認的「指望」，不至搖動，因為那「應許」我們的是「信實」．」（來 10:23）

- **言出必行的信實**

「只是我必不將我的慈愛收回，也必不叫我的「信實」廢棄．我必「不背棄」我的約，也「不改變」我口中所出的．我一次指著自己的「聖潔起誓」：我「決不」向大衛「說謊」．」（詩 89:33-35）

「以色列的大能者「必不」致「說謊」，也「不」致「後悔」，因為祂迥非世人，「決不後悔」．」（撒下 15:29）

- **應允禱告的信實**

「耶和華啊！求祢**「聽我的禱告」**，留心**「聽我的懇求」**，憑祢的**「信實」**和公義**「應允」**我。」（詩143:1）

「成就的是耶和華，造作，為要建立的也是耶和華；耶和華是祂的名。祂如此說：你**「求告」**我，我就**「應允」**你，並將你所不知道，又大又難的事指示你。」（耶33:2-3）

「你們**「祈求」**，**「就給」**你們，**「尋找」**，就**「尋見」**；**「叩門」**，就給你們**「開門」**。因為凡**「祈求」**的，**「就得」**著；**「尋找」**的，就**「尋見」**；**「叩門」**的，就給他**「開門」**。」（太7:7-8）

- **赦免罪孽的信實**

「耶和華說：那些日子以後，我與以色列家**「所立的約」**，乃是這樣：我要將我的律法放在他們裏面，寫在他們心上。我要作他們的神，他們要作我的子民，.....我要**「赦免」**他們的**「罪孽」**，不再紀念他們的**「罪惡」**。這是耶和華說的。」（耶31:33-34）

「又拿起杯來，祝謝了，遞給他們，說：你們都喝這個；因為這是我**「立約的血」**，為多人流出來，**「使罪得赦」**。」（太26:27-28）

「我們若認自己的罪，神是**「信實」**的，是公義的，必要**「赦免」**我們的**「罪」**，**「洗淨」**我們一切的**「不義」**。」（約壹1:9）

【人的回應】

「使你們**「無可指摘」**，**「誠實無偽」**，在這彎曲悖謬的世代，作神**「無瑕疵」**的兒女。你們顯在這世代中，好像**「明光照耀」**。」（腓2:15）

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Bible Theology

2. Understanding God's attributes from the Bible

4. God's Faithfulness

*Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the **faithful God**, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands. But those who hate him he will repay to their face by destruction; he will not be slow to repay to their face those who hate him. **Therefore, take care to follow** the commands, decrees and laws I give you today.* (Deuteronomy 7:9-11)

*Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your **faithfulness** to the skies.* (Psalms 36:5)

*Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and **enjoy safe pasture**.* (Psalms 37:3)

***For the Lord is good** and his love endures forever; his **faithfulness** continues through all generations.* (Psalms 100:5)

Give thanks for God's grace. God is not only a Holy, Righteous and loving God, but He is also a **faithful God**. He keeps his covenants and is merciful. His promises, His covenants, His reminders, His exhortations, His warnings, will be accomplished, fulfilled and come true. As God proclaimed through His prophet Isaiah proclaimed: *"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.* (Isaiah 55:10-11). Brothers and sisters, be sure to remember that God's faithfulness is not fulfilled in our individual feelings and experiences, or in the reflections and testimonies of others. But it will certainly fulfilled in what God has said in the Bible, in His Promises.

❖ Everlasting and never-changing faithfulness

*I will sing of the Lord's great love **forever**; with my mouth I will make your **faithfulness** known through **all generations**. (Psalms 89:1)*

*They will perish, but you **remain**; they will all wear out like a garment. You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you **remain the same**, and your years will **never end**. (Hebrews 1:11-12)*

*Jesus Christ is **the same** yesterday and today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)*

❖ Steadfast and promised faithfulness

*I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your **faithfulness** in heaven itself. You said, "I have **made a covenant** with my chosen one, I have **sworn** to David my servant," (Psalms 89:2-3)*

If we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself. (2 Timothy 2:13)

*Let us hold unswervingly to the **hope** we profess, for he who **promised** is **faithful**. (Hebrews 10:23)*

❖ Faithful in accomplishing what He has said

*but I will not take my love from him, nor will I ever betray my **faithfulness**. I **will not violate** my covenant or **alter** what my lips have uttered. Once for all, I have **sworn by my holiness** – and I **will not lie** to David – (Psalms 89:33-35)*

*He who is the Glory of Israel **does not lie** or **change his mind**; for he is not a man, that he should **change his mind**. (1 Samuel 15:29)*

❖ Faithful in answering prayers

*O Lord, **hear my prayer, listen to my cry** for mercy; in your **faithfulness** and righteousness **come to my relief.*** (Psalms 143:1)

*"This is what the Lord says, he who made the earth, the Lord who formed it and established it – the Lord is his name: '**Call** to me and I will **answer** you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'* (Jeremiah 33:2-3)

*"Ask and it will be **given** to you; **seek** and you will **find**; **knock** and the **door will be opened** to you. For everyone who **asks receives**; he who **seeks finds**; and to him who **knocks, the door will be opened.*** (Matthew 7:7-8)

❖ Faithful in forgiving sins

*"This is the **covenant I will make** with the house of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ... "For I will **forgive** their **wickedness** and will remember their **sins** no more."* (Jeremiah 31:33-34)

*Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my **blood of the covenant**, which is poured out for many for the **forgiveness of sins.*** (Matthew 26:27-28)

*If we confess our sins, he is **faithful** and just and will **forgive** us our **sins** and **purify** us from all **unrighteousness.*** (1 John 1:7)

【People's response】

'So that you may become **blameless and pure**, children of God **without fault** in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you **shine like stars** in the universe" (Philippians 2:15)