# **2 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3**

#### LESSON 10

#### THE LORD IS FAITHFUL

Text: verse 3

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### **PEOPLE LET US DOWN**. They are not faithful.

- Husbands disappoint their wives.
- Wives disappoint their husbands.
- Business partners will do us wrong.
- Parents disappoint their children.
- Pastors will disappoint their congregation.
- The brethren will let you down.
- Your family will disappoint you.

THE LORD IS FAITHFUL. You can count on Him to always be there for you and do right by you.

- You've got to know who He is and what He actually said.
- You'll be disappointed if you have a false idea about God because of a false teacher promoting a false doctrine.
  - o That was not God who disappointed you. That was the false teaching that let you down.

## **FAITHFULNESS DEFINED:**

## 1. FIRMLY ADHERING TO DUTY.

**MAN HAS DUTIES**: to the Lord, to your family, to your community, etc. Sometimes you perform those duties, sometimes you don't.

**GOD HAS DUTIES**: He's the Comforter, the Truth, the Light, the giver of peace and joy. He's righteous, holy. God never fails to perform His duties

## 2. LOYAL.

**MAN**: Our loyalty is inconsistent and usually comes short of what it ought to be.

**GOD**: If you're a child of God, He has never let you down. He stood by you when others guit on you.

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### **3. TRUE TO ALLEGIANCE** (First Corinthians 1:9).

MAN: our allies fail us. Our business partners can't be trusted.

**GOD**: There is no better ally to have than Jesus Christ. He fights our battles. He protects us. He secures our future when we join with Him. He's the most powerful and trustworthy ally you can have.

## 4. **CONSTANT IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES** (1 Corinthians 10:13)

God oversees everything that happens in our lives. He watches the Devil in his attempts to ensnare us. He knows the strength of our heart. He knows what worldly temptation may try to allure us. He never allows the Devil to tempt us more than we can handle. God is always in control of our trials and difficulties.

Lying preachers will give you expectations of God that are not biblical. The God they create from their imagination will always fail you. Their God is more like Santa Claus. He's not real.

## **5.** TRUE TO ONE'S WORD (2 Timothy 2:13, Hebrews 10:22-23)

There are many promises that God has made in the Holy Bible. It doesn't matter whether someone believes it. God is faithful. If He said something will happen, you can count on it! The unbelief of sinners will not alter the plans of God. Every compact or vow or promise that God has made (with Israel, David, the Church) will be honored.

## **6.** TRUE TO THE MARRIAGE COVENANT (Revelation 19:11).

He is called "Faithful and True." No one but Jesus Christ could bear that name. Though we've not been faithful to Him, He is always faithful to us.

Many men; many women have been unfaithful. As a result we don't trust anyone, including God. We must remember that God is not like man. There is no comparison. Jesus is faithful and true.

God will fulfill all His vows at the proper time. Sometimes we doubt his faithfulness because we are impatient. He'll reward us at the right time. He answers prayer in due time. Believers will be caught up to meet Him in the air when the time is right. He's given us no reason to doubt His word.
