

Names of God from the Bible

58 – Faithful and True

All God's Names are eternal names – so He is still Faithful and True for us today.

Reading: Revelation 19:11-15

Faithfulness and truth are two of the most prized attributes in our society and yet where most of us fail miserably. We want other people to demonstrate these values at all times; yet, when we look in the mirror, we find that we let other people down much more often than we would like or, indeed, intend to.

The trouble is that we maintain these virtues often at our expense. We go for the softer compromise, not realising that, in the end, we are the ones who suffer the most. Either the intended outcome doesn't materialise or, worse still, our character and integrity are impeached and prove almost impossible to regain.

Nevertheless, we esteem highly those who maintain truth and faithfulness in their daily lives and long to know more people like them. The main problem is that they prefer people like themselves too, and so we lose out by our own poor, and often hastily and thoughtlessly made choices.

Not so, Jesus. He was the spotless Son of God. Though, as the Scriptures tell us, He was tempted in exactly the same ways as we are, He, nevertheless, remained sinless, faithful and true.

I love the expression, '*You don't have to remember truth*'. That doesn't mean it is the perpetual antidote to amnesia but, rather, truth remains the same, regardless of circumstances. Whereas, with lies, it is difficult just to tell one as we may have to change the lie to suit the hearer. The problem is that we have to remember which lie we told whom or our deceit will be quickly exposed.

Jesus said that His words would never pass away, even if Heaven and earth did so. In other words, what He said He claimed was all truth. No matter the time, place or situation, His words are a firm foundation on which to build our lives.

I love John's vision, his revelation. As we examine the passage, we see so many glimpses of the character of Jesus. He stands in Heaven – where else. The 'home' of God. That place of utter holiness and glory is Jesus – by right of who He is.

He is riding a white horse, representing power and purity, meekness and authority.

He is the Judge of all the earth, and He administers justice, not vindictively, not in retribution, not in retaliation, but in awesome righteousness. He fights injustice and wickedness.

His eyes are like blazing fire. A picture similar to that seen by Isaiah and at the beginning of John's vision.

On His head are many crowns. God installed His King and that has become the reality.

He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood. Of course, it is. Faithful and True is none other than Jesus, the Lamb of God, crucified for us on the Cross at Calvary. That is why He is worthy to be crowned with many crowns.

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His name is Word of God. The Eternal Word that is totally trustworthy. That Word that is the Truth for all people, regardless of age, gender or race.

Coming out of His mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the (rebellious) nations. The sword is the Word of God, The Word of truth that exposes counterfeit, hypocrisy and wickedness.

He will rule them with an iron scepter. The symbol of power and ultimate authority given to the King God installed in Zion.

He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God. And thereby we are saved. We don't need to drink that cup, that cup of the fury of the wrath of God against sin of any kind. No, Jesus drank the last drop so that we may go free.

The Faithful and True One carries out the sentence against us and yet also absorbs it all for us. What amazing grace. What wonderful love.

He is the Author and Completer of our faith.

What does that name mean for us today

We can trust God to do what He promises. He will never leave us nor forsake us, and He is coming again to take us to be with Himself forever.

Prayer

Thank You so much, Father, that You are Truth, and we can depend upon Your word as truth and Your faithfulness as our loving Heavenly Father. Amen

Additional Readings

- Proverbs 18:24
- Isaiah 45:11-19
- Matthew 22:15-2
- Hebrews 3:1-12

Questions

1. Why are truth and faithfulness so important to us?
2. Has God revealed Himself in this way to you? How and when?
3. How does Jesus fulfil that Name?