



Semper Parati

Faithfulness comes at a price...

- Willingness to sacrifice!
- Matt. 16:24 - (NKJV) “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.”
- God shows us the way... in the example of Jesus!




*If we are faithless,
He remains faithful,
He cannot deny Himself.*

(2 Tim. 2:13)

“He cannot DENY Himself”

- Faithfulness is a fundamental part of God’s nature.
- **Deuteronomy 7:9** (NIV) “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 commandments.”

Many Psalms Express the Faithfulness of God

- **Psalms 25:10** (NASB) All the paths of the LORD are lovingkindness and truth (faithfulness) To those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.
- **Psalms 26:2-3** (NIV) Test me, LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my mind; 3 for I have always been mindful of your unfailing love  and have lived in reliance on your **faithfulness**.


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- **Psalms 33:4-5** (NIV) For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. 5 The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

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- **Psalms 36:5-9** (NIV) Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your **faithfulness** to the skies. 6 Your **righteousness** is like the highest mountains, your **justice** like the great deep. You, LORD, preserve both people and animals. 7 How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings. 8 They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. 9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

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- **Psalms 92:1-2** (NIV) It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, 2 proclaiming your love in the morning and your **faithfulness** at night, 

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New Testament

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 (NASB) Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

Two Promises

1. God will not allow you to be tempted beyond your ability to endure it.
2. God will provide a way of escape.

New Testament

1 John 1:7-10 (NIV) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

1 John 1:7-10

- Will there be times when Christians sin?
- When that happens, what are we to do about it?
- See 1 John 1:1-2

Psalms 32:1-5 (NIV) Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

2 Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

3 When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

4 For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.