

and a marvelous feeling of exhilaration."

What about the promises God makes in the Bible? Will they uphold us in times of crisis? It all depends on whether we believe them to be God's promises--not merely printed words, black marks on white paper, nor simply the guesses of fallible human beings like ourselves. Because they are the promises of God, we can cling to them with assurance. This will bring relief from fear and impart a deep inner peace.

Throughout the ages, our God has been trusted millions upon millions of times. And He has never been proven untrustworthy. So let's trust Him today and add our personal testimony to that of the countless host of fellow believers who have found that our promise-keeping God is unfailingly faithful. --VCG

*Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God. --Carter*

Trusting God's faithfulness dispels our fearfulness.



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Information for Visitors.

- * We're glad you're here. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You're very welcome to join us for a cuppa after church.
- * a Cubbies programme is normally provided, during the sermon for the **toddler to Kindy age bracket.**

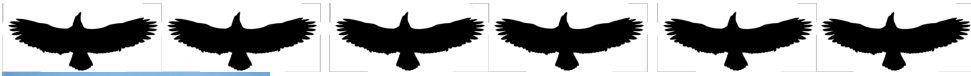
Absolutely Trustworthy

He who promised is faithful. --Hebrews 10:23

A young parachutist admitted that he had been frightened the first time he jumped. There was nothing but a big piece of fabric between him and death. What if that fabric accidentally tore apart? What if his ripcord didn't work and the parachute failed to open?

But when he jumped, everything functioned perfectly. Supported by that life-preserving umbrella over his head, the man floated earthward. He said, "I had a release from fear





Soaring: Trusting the God of Mercy and Faithfulness

(2 Peter 1:2-4) "Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, {3} as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, {4} by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

(John 8:32) ""And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.""

(John 8:36) ""Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."



There are two truths about God for us to focus in on today:

1. His _____, Ephesians 2:4-5, 1-3

We have three goals this morning:

◆ To _____ God's mercy,

◆ To _____ and _____ God's mercy,

(Isaiah 55:7) "Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon."

◆ To be _____ of God's mercy,

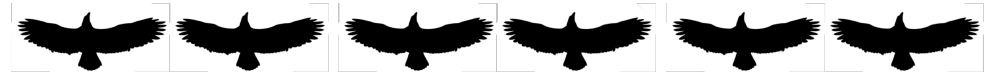
(Hebrews 4:16) "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

(Exodus 15:13) "You in Your mercy have led forth The people whom You have redeemed; .."

(Psalms 136:17) "To Him who struck down great kings, For His mercy endures forever;"

(Psalms 136:21-24) "And gave their land as a heritage, For His mercy endures forever; {22} A heritage to Israel His servant, For His mercy endures forever. {23} Who remembered us in our lowly state, For His mercy endures forever; {24} And rescued us from our enemies, For His mercy endures forever;"

(Nehemiah 9:27-28) "... When they cried to You, You heard from heaven; And according to Your abundant mercies You gave them deliverers who saved them From the hand of their enemies. {28} "But after they had rest, They again did evil before You. Therefore You left them in the hand of their enemies, So that they had dominion over them; Yet when they returned and cried out to You,



You heard from heaven; And many times You delivered them according to Your mercies," **(Psalms 25:6)** "Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old."

(Lamentations 3:22-23) "Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. {23} They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness."

(Lamentations 3:31-33) "For the Lord will not cast off forever. {32} Though He causes grief, Yet He will show compassion According to the multitude of His mercies. {33} For He does not afflict willingly, Nor grieve the children of men."

(Psalms 103:2-4) "Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: {3} Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, {4} Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,"

(Psalms 103:8-11) "The LORD is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. {9} He will not always strive with us, Nor will He keep His anger forever. {10} He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities. {11} For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;"

(2 Corinthians 1:3) "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,"

2. His _____,

(Malachi 3:6) ""For I am the LORD, I do not change; ..."

(James 1:17) "... the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."

(Deuteronomy 7:8-9) ""but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. {9} "Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;"

(Psalms 36:5) "Your mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds."

(Psalms 119:89-90) "Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven. {90} Your faithfulness endures to all generations;"

(1 Corinthians 1:9) "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

(1 Corinthians 10:13) "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."

(1 Thessalonians 5:23-24) "... may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. {24} He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it."

(1 John 1:9) "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

(Hebrews 10:23) "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."

(Romans 8:28) "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, ..."

(Isaiah 40:31) "But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."

