

神的信实和神的义（贰）

The Faithfulness of God and the Righteousness of God (II)

壹 神的信实（续）

I. The Faithfulness of God (continued)

三 神的信实是神的约—应许—话语—的担保

C. The Faithfulness of God Being the Guarantee of the Covenant and the Promises of God

（一）‘主阿，你从前凭你的信实向大卫立誓。’诗篇八十九篇四十九节。

1. “You swore to David in Your faithfulness” (Psa. 89:49).

人起誓，是说重要的话，为要叫别人能相信，所以都是有所指凭。神向人说话，到重要时，也是立誓。祂向人立誓，是指着、凭着祂的信实，以祂的信实为担保。祂的信实是建立在祂自己身上，所以祂这立誓的指凭，也就是以祂永不改变的自己为担保，是永远可靠的。

When a man speaks an important word, he must point to and base his word on something in order for people to have confidence in his oath. When God speaks an important word to man, He also makes an oath. His oath points to His faithfulness. He swears by His faithfulness, which is established upon Himself. [The base of God's oath is His eternally unchanging being; hence, it is eternally reliable.](#)

（二）‘那应许我们的是信实的。’希伯来十章二十三节，十一章十一节。

2. “He who has promised is faithful” (Heb. 10:23; see also 11:11).

神是信实的，所以凡祂所应许的，都是可信可靠的。祂的信实，是祂应许的担保。

[God is faithful; therefore, the word of His promise is faithful and reliable.](#) His faithfulness is the guarantee of His promise.

（三）‘信实的神…神的应许，不论有多少，在基督都是是的；所以藉着祂也都是阿们的。’林后一章十八至二十节原文。

3. “God is faithful...For as many promises of God as there are, in Him is the Yes; therefore also through Him is the Amen to God” (2 Cor. 1:18, 20).

神的应许，所以在基督里都是是的，都是阿们的，因为祂这赐应许的神是信实的。祂的信实叫祂的应许一个也不能落空。

[God's promises are all Yes and Amen in Christ because the God who promises is faithful.](#) His faithfulness ensures that none of His promises are empty.

（四）‘神是信实的神，…守约。’申命记七章九节。

4. “God, the faithful God who keeps covenant” (Deut. 7:9).

神是信实的，所以祂守约。祂的信实，叫祂守约，叫祂受祂话的约束。所以祂的信实，是祂约的担保，保证祂不会背弃祂与人立约所说的话。

[God is faithful, so He keeps His covenant.](#) His faithfulness causes Him to keep His covenant and to be restricted by His word. His faithfulness is the guarantee of His covenant. It guarantees that He will never forsake the word of the covenant that He established with man.

约是进一步的话，不是平常的话。有担保的话，才叫作约。神在圣经中对我们所说的，就是这样的话，不是平常的，乃是有担保的，乃是约，所以圣经称作新旧约。神这约的担保，就是祂那不能废弃、不能改变的信实。祂的信实，叫祂受祂圣经中话语的约束，保证祂这些话是可靠的。

A covenant is a word that goes further than an ordinary word. [A covenant is a guaranteed word. The word that God spoke to us in the Bible is a covenant.](#) It is not ordinary; it is guaranteed. It is a covenant. Therefore, the Bible is called the Old and New Testaments. God is the guarantee of this covenant. His faithfulness cannot be

eradicated or changed. It causes Him to be restricted by His word in the Bible and to guarantee that the word is reliable.

四 神的信实叫信徒得赦免

D. The Faithfulness of God Causing the Believers to Receive Forgiveness

(一) ‘我们若认自己的罪，神是信实的，…必要赦免我们的罪。’ 约壹一章九节。

1. “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins” (1 John 1:9).

神在圣经里告诉我们说，我们若认自己的罪，祂必因主耶稣的血赦免我们的罪。这是祂对我们所说的话，也是祂根据主耶稣所成功的救赎，和我们所立的约。祂的信实，叫祂受祂这话的约束。我们今天若照着祂这话，向祂承认自己的罪，祂的信实就叫祂必须赦免我们的罪，否则祂就要落到失信的里面。

If we confess our sins, God must forgive us our sins because of the blood of the Lord Jesus. He has spoken this word to us, and He has established it as a covenant with us based upon the redemption accomplished by the Lord Jesus. His faithfulness causes Him to be restricted by this word. According to this word, when we confess our sins to Him, His faithfulness forces Him to forgive us of our sins. If He did not forgive us, He would be unfaithful.

五 神的信实叫信徒蒙保守

E. The Faithfulness of God Causing the Believers to Be Preserved

(一) ‘愿你们的灵、与魂、与身子，得蒙保守，在我主耶稣基督降临的时候，完全无可指摘。那召你们的本是信实的，祂必成就这事。’ 帖前五章二十三至二十四节。

1. “May your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, who also will do it” (1 Thes. 5:23-24).

神也许可要保守我们。祂的信实，叫祂必须成就这应许。所以也是祂的信实叫我们蒙保守。

God promises to preserve us. His faithfulness forces Him to accomplish this promise. Therefore, His faithfulness also causes us to be preserved.

(二) ‘主是信实的，要坚固你们，保护你们脱离那恶者。’ 帖后三章三节。

2. “The Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one” (2 Thes. 3:3).

因为主是信实的，所以祂必要照着祂的应许，坚固我们，保守我们脱离那恶者，就是撒但。

The Lord must guard us from the evil one, Satan, according to His promise, because He is faithful.

(三) ‘神是信实的，必不叫你们受试探过于所能受的；在受试探的时候，总要给你们开一条出路，叫你们能忍受得住。’ 林前十章十三节。

3. “God is faithful, who will not allow that you be tempted beyond what you are able, but will, with the temptation, also make the way out, that you may be able to endure it” (1 Cor. 10:13).

神的信实，叫神照着祂的应许，在我们受试探的时候，必须为我们开出路，叫我们能忍受得住，免得我们受试探过于所能受的。

According to His promise, God’s faithfulness causes Him to make a way out for us when we are tempted so that we may endure lest we be tempted beyond what we are able.

六 神的信实是信徒的粮食

F. The Faithfulness of God Being Food to the Believers

(一) ‘你当倚靠耶和华而行善；住在地上，以祂的信实粮。’ 诗篇三十七篇三节。

1. “Trust in Jehovah, and do good; / Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness” (Psa. 37:3).

粮食是叫人得到饱足，而刚强有力的。神的信实对于那些凭祂的信实而相信祂和祂话语的人，也有这样的功用。我们若凭神的信实而相信神，而抓住神的话，我们就必感饱足而有力。

Food causes people to be full, satisfied, and strong. [The faithfulness of God functions as food](#) to those who believe His word based on His faithfulness. [If we believe in God because of His faithfulness and grasp the word of God, we will be filled, satisfied, and strong.](#)

七 不信神的话就是干犯神的信实

G. Offending the Faithfulness of God by Not Believing the Word of God

(一) ‘不信神的，就是将神当作说谎的；因不信神为祂儿子作的见证。’ 约壹五章十节。

1. “He who does not believe God has made Him a liar because he has not believed in the testimony which God has testified concerning His Son” (1 John 5:10).

神在圣经中所说的话，我们若不信，就是将神当作说谎的，就是干犯了神的信实，乃是最得罪神的。若是我们对人说的话是实在的，而有人不信，就是羞辱我们，得罪我们。照样，我们若不信神的话，也是羞辱神、得罪神。所以我们要当心，不要因为不信神的话，而干犯神的信实！

[If we do not believe the word that God has spoken in the Bible, we make God a liar and offend the faithfulness of God. This is the greatest offense to God.](#) When we speak the truth to someone and he does not believe, this is an insult and an offense to us. In the same way, if we do not believe God’s word, this is an insult and offense to Him. Therefore, we must be careful not to offend the faithfulness of God by not believing His word.

我们信神，就得信神的话。神的话就是神所给我们的把柄，要我们可以抓住祂，如同我们俗语所说‘抓住话把’。如果人的‘话把’可以抓住，就神的‘话把’更可以抓住，因为神比人是更信实的。神不怕我们抓住祂的话把。我们若抓住祂的话把，而相信祂，就能使祂的信实得彰显，而使祂得荣耀，否则我们就是轻看祂的信实，而羞辱祂。这是祂所最不喜欢的。

If we believe God, we should also believe His word. [God has given us His faithful word, and it pleases Him when we believe His word and hold Him accountable to it.](#) There is an old saying that speaks of “catching” a man with his word in order to gain a bargaining advantage. If we can hold a man, who is faithful to his word, accountable for his word, we should expect even more to hold God, who is more faithful than man, accountable for His word. God is not afraid of being “caught” by His word. In fact, [our use of His word in this way manifests His faithfulness and glorifies Him.](#) [Our unwillingness to hold Him accountable is a despising of His faithfulness, and it is an insult to Him. He abhors this to the uttermost!](#)

(二) ‘便是以神为说谎的；祂的道也不在我们心里了。’ 约壹一章十节。

2. “We make Him a liar, and His word is not in us” (1 John 1:10).

神的道，就是神的话。我们若不信神的话，就是以神为说谎的，就是践踏了神的信实。这样，我们就没法得着祂的话，祂的话就没法在我们里面有地位。

[If we do not believe the word of God, we make Him a liar and trample the faithfulness of God.](#) Thus, there is no way for us to obtain His word, and His word will have no place in us.

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