

God Proves Himself

Scripture

“«To the chief Musician upon Gittith, [A Psalm] of Asaph.» Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob. Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery. Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day. For this [was] a statute for Israel, [and] a law of the God of Jacob. This he ordained in Joseph [for] a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt: [where] I heard a language [that] I understood not. I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands were delivered from the pots. Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the secret place of thunder: I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. Selah.” (Ps 81:1-7 AV)

Devotion

This psalm sings the praises of God for His faithfulness. God delivered Israel from Egypt and the burdens of forced labor. Moses struck the rock and out flowed life-sustaining water. Clearly God has proven Himself faith to His children in the past.

What do you think about God’s faithfulness? We have the testimony of Scripture that says God is faithful, but what has your heart learned about God’s faithfulness?

God has made promises. It is written, “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. “For the scripture saith, whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.” (Ro 10:13 & 11 AV) Has He been faithful in His promise to you? Have you been set free from the bondage of sin? Clearly the true believer has received of the Lord. “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.” (Ro 8:16 AV)

However, God is ready to prove Himself even more. It is written, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” (Ro 12:1-2 AV)

This Roman’s passage says we are to prove God’s will. The proof is for us, not God. This proof comes through obedience. As we obey God’s commandments, which is our reasonable service, then we begin to understand that His will is good, acceptable, and perfect. We will have put Him to the test and found Him faithful.

There is no greater joy than to be obedient to God and sense His presence. To have your prayers answered and know that you are in His will is a wonderful way to live. This is what the Lord desires for us.

“As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and [that] your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.” (John15:9-14 AV)

Friend, God is always faithful even if we are not. However, if you want to experience the abundant life, you must obey God. Attend to the root issues in life, look to love.

“If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; [Even] the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.” (John 14:15-17 AV)