

“Same God: "The Patience and Faithfulness of God"

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“True faith rests upon the character of God and asks no further proof than moral perfections of the One who cannot lie.”

– A W Tozer

I. God's faithfulness should lead us to repentance and worship!

- A. They gathered together and repented both personally and corporately!
- B. Then they Praised the Lord!
- C. This wasn't about the sin outside of the people of God. It was sin within the camp!
- D. They knew the Lord was worthy of praise!

II. God was faithful to sustain them!

- A. God faithfully showed his goodness!
- B. God gave them His good word and laws!
- C. God's name is still known today for what He did in Egypt!

III. God was faithful and patient with them, but they still went back to their old lives!

"The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results." -Albert Einstein

- A. They stiffened their necks and hardened their hearts towards God!
- B. They refused to listen to the counsel of the Lord!
- C. They appointed leaders that would tell them what they wanted to hear!
- D. Yet God was still gracious towards them and fulfilled His promises.

IV. **God eventually gave them over to their sin and it cost them dearly!**

"Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay."
-- R Zaccharias

- A. They completely rejected God's word!
- B. They killed God's prophets, and followed those that taught what made them feel good!
- C. Their sin lead them to slavery and they lost the freedom and blessing they once had!
- D. There is now an acknowledgment and confession of sin!

V. **The people were now ready to repent!**

- A. They were sick and tired of being sick and tired!
- B. They longed for their relationship with the Lord to be repaired!

C. They made a covenant before the Lord!

D. They drew the line in the sand and were ready to follow the Lord's Law!

Closing Questions!

- 1.) Are you relying more on God's faithfulness or man's changing morality?
- 2.) How has God been faithful to you?
- 3.) In what areas have you turned your back on God?
- 4.) Is it time to make a new covenant with the Lord and break destructive patterns in your life?