

## What is God like?

We have been talking about the **ATTRIBUTES OF GOD**. We are up to 13! **How many can you remember?** --- Tell the person next to you.

## What is God like?

God has many amazing attributes.

### God is...

• **Creator** • **Truth** • **Eternal** • **Self-existent** • **Gracious** He is **the Great I AM** • **Wise** • **Righteous** • **Sovereign** • **Holy** • **Good, ...** • **Omnipotent** - **God is Present** - **Unchanging**

Today, we add a new one: **God is Faithful**.

That means that He is reliable. You can trust Him. He will never let you down. You can count on Him.

**Old Faithful** is the most famous geyser in the US...even though it's not the highest of all North American geysers. It's famous because of its reliability.

It was named "**Old Faithful**" in 1870 because it seemed to spout "faithfully" every 63 to 70 minutes.

If something or someone is faithful, that means you can trust them. They are reliable.

That's what God is like. **He is faithful**.

### **Lamentations 3:22-23**

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

You can count on **God's love**. It is steadfast.

It **never ceases**. Meaning it never stops. It **never comes to an end**. It's like a **water fall** that just keeps pouring out love. It never runs dry.

God never stops loving us. He is a **faithful God**.

It's been about **that time**. Old Faithful should erupt any minute.

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Let's sing that together. Stand up.

- Repeat
- Motions

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father	Right arm up, left arm up
There is no shadow of turning with thee	Cut hands over face and turn
Thou changest not	Cup hand over hand, drop hands
Thy compassions they fail not	Hands over heart, drop hands
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be	Point up, 2 <sup>nd</sup> hand point up and move to side
Great is thy faithfulness 2X	Right hand up and to chest, then Left up and to chest
Morning by morning	Splash up and around head and then back
New mercies I see	Hand over eyes, look to side
All I have needed	Right hand up to horizontal,
thy hand hath provided	Left from shoulder, over, and clap on left
Great is thy faithfulness	Right hand up and then Left hand up
Lord unto me	Both hands down to chest
Great is thy faithfulness	Splash Spash Hug
	<b>Stop at 1:28</b>

Let's sing it!

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**Deuteronomy 7:9**

He is the faithful God who keeps his covenant for a thousand generations.

He keeps his covenant... his agreement... his promise.

God never breaks his promises.

A generation is a measurement of time.

Time is necessary to prove faithfulness.

A person who is only faithful for a day is **not** a faithful person.

Our God is faithful for long periods of time.

A **thousand generations**. A generation is usually about 40 years. What is **40 X 1,000**? That's **40,000 years**. That's a long time.

The world isn't even 40,000 years old. It's probably around 6,000 years old.

When Moses says God is faithful for a 1,000 generations, basically he's saying that God is ALWAYS reliable. Day after day. **Year after year**.

- 24 hours a day.
- 7 days a week.
- 365 days a year.
- 10 years a decade.
- 100 years a century.
- 1,000 years a millennium.
- God will always be faithful to keep his promises and take care of us.

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**God is faithful**, but **PEOPLE Are Not**.

People are unfaithful. People lie. People break their promises.

If you **testify in court**, you have to put your **HAND ON A BIBLE** and promise to tell the truth. Why? Because we don't trust people. They're not faithful. So, we make them swear to God himself that they are going to tell the truth.

**God is faithful.**

He is faithful to **FORGIVE** our sins.

**1 John 1:9**

If we confess our sins, **He is faithful** and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**I'm counting** on God to forgive me for my sins. I know that I can trust Him to do that.

**1 Corinthians 10:13**

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. **God is faithful**, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

There are a lot of **TEMPTATIONS** I face. I'm tempted to say things I shouldn't or to do things that I shouldn't. And, every time that I'm tempted, God makes sure that the temptation is **not too much** for me. So that it's not **beyond my ability**.

I know that there's a **WAY OUT**. He will provide a **way of escape** for me, so that I can say NO to the temptation.

God is so good to me. I can count on Him to help me overcome temptation.

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I heard a friend complaining one time: "**She is such a flake**. She let me down again. I just can't rely on her. She says that she is coming, and then she **doesn't** even show up."

It's frustrating when your friends let you down. When they break their promises.

But our God is the opposite. **He is faithful!**

**Galatians 5:22-23** We see that one of the **FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT** is faithfulness.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, **FAITHFULNESS**, gentleness, self-control...

It's a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Faithfulness comes from God.

Like an apple tree **produces** apples, our faithful God produces faithfulness. And He **causes** faithfulness to grow in our lives.

When **His Spirit** lives in us, we grow in the area of faithfulness, and we become more like God.

You ever make a **PINKY PROMISE**. You grab pinkies with a friend, and you say, "**I pinky promise**."

- I'll be your best friend forever.

**GOD** really will be your best friend forever.

Because **He is faithful!**

Let's sing one more time of the **faithfulness of God**.

Song.