

AMEN!

-Ryan Parsons-

We live in a world that is full of broken promises and betrayal. Mankind writhes in the pain of unfaithfulness and contempt. We lament the lies we are told and mistrust other's words. We long for that which is steadfast, dedicated, dependable, and worthy of trust. However, in our brokenness, we fail one another again and again. What are we to do?

We need a little faithfulness in our lives. Can I get an "Amen!" Actually, the word "amen," which means "so be it," has roots in a word that means "faithfulness." Some Jews have taught over the centuries that "amen" was an acronym that meant - "God, faithful ruler." So, in the word "amen," we find the thing we long for more than anything (whether we realize it or not) - A faithful God.

Deuteronomy 7:9

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

Everything he does is faithful.

Psalm 111:7

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

Exodus 34:6

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

The greatness of His faithfulness is immeasurable.

Lamentations 2:22-23

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

Psalm 36:5

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

When everything and perhaps everyone around us loses our trust, the faithfulness of God is there and will protect us.

Psalm 91:4

He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

We continue to read the Word of God to learn about and take comfort in a completely faithful God. He alone is absolutely steadfast, dedicated, dependable, and worthy of trust! I don't know about you, but that makes me want to shout "AMEN!" God is our faithful ruler.