

# Works of the Flesh / Fruit of the Spirit

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Part 41 (faithfulness 2)

Scripture: Galatians 5:16-26

Scripture Reading: Luke 16:9-13

INTRO:

{G. FAITHFULNESS}

Psalm 5, a psalm of David reads like this, to the chief Musician with flutes,

*Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my meditation.*

*2 Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray.*

*3 My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up.*

*4 For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You.*

*5 The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity.*

*6 You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; The LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.*

*7 ¶ But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.*

*8 Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; Make Your way straight before my face.*

*9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; Their inward part is destruction; Their throat is an open tomb; They flatter with their tongue.*

*10 Pronounce them guilty, O God! Let them fall by their own counsels; Cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions, For they have rebelled against You.*

*11 But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name Be joyful in You.*

*12 For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.*

In the Psalm, David gives us the contrast between those who love the Lord and of those who do not. Between those who put their trust in God as he says in verse 11 ‘put their trust in God and shout for joy because He defends them’. To those of verse 9, who deny Him, and says ‘there is no faithfulness in their mouth; Their inward part is destruction; Their throat is an open tomb; They flatter with their tongue.’

There is no faithfulness in their mouth

## 2. The Faithfulness of the world

Well this morning we are looking at point number two of faithfulness, and that is the faithfulness of the world, and when I started this message... I wasn't entirely sure what to look for... and I thought to myself, it may be easier to look at the unfaithfulness of the world rather than the faithfulness of the world. When looking at the moral state of our world today one could almost say that the only thing the world is faithful in is its continuance in being unfaithful.

Just as King David says in the passage I just read;

*there is no faithfulness in their mouth; Their inward part is destruction; Their throat is an open tomb; They flatter with their tongue.*

Or of the passage that was read for us earlier from the illustration of the shrewd servant in Luke 16 in verse 10 Jesus says;

*"He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much;*

And in verse 11 and 12;

*"Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?*

*12 "And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?*

Faithfulness... what is the world's faithfulness?

You see the purpose of the second point of each of these fruits of the Spirit was to give you the contrast that is between what is in God and what is in the world, or what is replicated in the world or imitated by the world.

So that when we come to the third message, the fruit that is to be in the Christian, we have that contrast of what is between God and the world, when checking our heart for this fruit.

To see, if the fruit that is in me, is actually from the Holy Spirit or am I following and entertaining something from the world?

This was relatively simple when looking at love, a little difficult with joy, but easier when we came to peace and longsuffering. But again a little more difficult when we were looking at kindness and Goodness because of how they are so closely tied together.

And if you remember when we came to the word goodness, the good things we do, they can be the exact same things done by the world. And that the only difference between the two is, who gets the glory in doing them. For the world it is man that is glorified, for the Christian it is God that is to be glorified.

And then when we looked at the faithfulness of God... well you just need to pick up this book and you can see it is written everywhere, from cover to cover. The faithfulness of God is in every passage and almost in every line of scripture. But now, if we turn our attention to the faithfulness of the world, it's a bit like... what are we to look at? What faithfulness are we to look at?

When looking at God, we have the whole book, an inexhaustible source of references and information regarding the faithfulness of God, but when looking at the world all we have in an inexhaustible source of reference and information from the world regarding how unfaithful and unreliable this world really is.

As Proverbs 20 verse 6 says;

*Most men will proclaim each his own goodness, But  
who can find a faithful man?*

Or Psalm 12 verse 1;

*Help, LORD, for the godly man ceases! For the faithful  
disappear from among the sons of men.*

And again, as I pondered on this point of the world's faithfulness, of being faithful or what the faithfulness of the world looks like... I thought to myself as I said in the opening paragraph; it may be easier to look at the unfaithfulness of the world rather than the faithfulness of the world. Looking at the moral state of our world today one could almost say that the only thing the world is faithful in, is its continuance in being unfaithful. But then I realized that I was only looking at this point from my own perspective and viewpoint.

Because then I had the thought... what if someone would say to me, ‘hold on pastor... I know of worldly people who are faithful. Faithful in their life and the things they do. They stayed with their first spouse till death, they stay with one job their entire life, they were truthful and trustworthy in all they did, in being faithful to their word and work in everything they did in their life’. So how can you say that there is no faithfulness in the world?

Well that is a good question, and it was one that left me puzzling over the issue for many hours more in studying this topic. You see, in order to label someone with the attribute of faithfulness, you must first find him or her faithful, faithful in something or to someone... isn’t that correct? But then I came to that same question I had with goodness and kindness and that was, what then is the difference between the faithful things that the world does, as compared to what comes as the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

See with goodness, we learned that the acts of goodness done in the world and those done by the Christian can be identical; they can be the exact same thing. And the difference in distinguishing what is done in the world and what is the fruit of the spirit is that, the former glorifies the man or the object, the latter glorifies God as they are things done by the Holy Spirit who resides only the born-again believes.

Just as Jesus said in John chapter 12 verse 32 speaking about the Holy Spirit saying;

*"He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.*

Giving us that difference that again is between the things of the world and the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

And so, when I came to this word faithfulness, I thought there must be something that has to separate the faithfulness that is in God, and comes from the Holy Spirit, from that which is in the world, or practiced by the world or done by worldly people. Because just as with goodness, any act of faithfulness to the things in life such as your spouse or your job, they can be done by both people in the world and by the Christian.

And in the process of answering that question, the one thing that I came to understand is that when you find that something someone is faithful in, whatever that may be, you will also find in the back ground of that faithfulness, what their belief system is, the belief system that drives them to be faithful in what they are faithfully doing.



It is this truth or belief they hold to that drives them to be faithful in whatever they decide to be faithful in. And since belief and faith run on very similar tracks, same same but different, if you can find what their faith is and their beliefs that come from that faith, from there you should be able to see the connection to their faithfulness in the things they are faithful to.

You see if you have someone who cheats on their spouse, we say they are not being faithful, or if you have someone who is moonlighting on their job or steals from the company, we say they are not being faithful to their job or boss. But you must remember that this is only from our own opinion and from our beliefs which come from the bible.

Someone who cheats on their spouse or steals from the company, such a person doesn't have that same standard of faithfulness of what it means to be faithful in these areas. Their core beliefs are not set in such a way that their actions do not merit that higher level of faithfulness to their spouse or job.

You see the Cambridge online dictionary said that faithfulness is;

The quality of being faithful to someone or something.

To which you could add, it can be anyone or anything, any person, any ideology, any tradition, any custom, or routine. Anyone can be faithful in or to anything, and if we are looking at the faithfulness of any person, one thing that should stand out, is that direct relationship between what that the person believes in the heart on the inside to what they are then are faithful too on the outside.

And that can be anything.

Just as I said with kindness and goodness of the world, anything can be classes as being good and kind in the world's eyes. And now the same idea goes with faithfulness, when looking at the world, in being faithful to something can be any number of things, that whatever the person holds to as a belief or is their faith on the inside, is what will come out as being faithful to that thing on the outside.

This is a truth in the heart of man, all men, all people saved or unsaved, it is the belief or faith of what is in the heart of a person and, depending on how deep it goes, will become the object, direction, or standard as to how dedicated their faithfulness will go to that belief.

But there is a difference that faithfulness has form goodness and kindness see that I said in a previous message that...

'kindness is completely at the whim of what society's character and demeanor is like, what its values are, what its beliefs are.

And with such a wide range of views and actions, kindness in the world can actually sometimes look like it lines up with God, or look like things that are from the pit of Hell.

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I said that kindness and goodness are things guided by the general consensus of the population; it is the majority of society that decides what is kind and good if not rooted in God. And like I said, the worlds kindness and goodness can appear to be God-like or like hell depending on what society wants to do or call things kind or good.

This is why the prophet Isaiah say in chapter 5 verse 11;

*Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!*

He said this because there was a deviation in the people from what God calls good and what the world calls good and from what God calls evil to what the world calls evil.

Worldly kindness and worldly goodness, I think, have their greater roots in all of society, that it is the majority that dictates what is good and what is kind in the world. And if one is not in with the majority but rather on the edges of what the greater group thinks and does you are looked at as different, unkind or not good, no matter what you are doing, but simply are in contrast to the greater mass of opinion.

See as an example I could say something as simple as stating that ‘there are only 2 genders’ and instantly I have become unkind in the eyes of many of people in our nation who follow this woke idea of there being 47 different genders.

But now when looking at faithfulness, the difference of faithfulness from goodness and kindness, is that the act of being faithful to something or someone goes much deeper, to someplace much deeper in the individual, than just what the society thinks and sees.

You see, regarding kindness and goodness I said;

That, the outward action of kindness comes from that inward trait of goodness.

That they are connected in that same manner.

Saying that, whatever is done on the outside comes from what is on the inside, when looking at kindness and goodness.

Meaning that a person's outer kindness comes from that inner goodness, but when looking at the person's faithfulness, that is now something that can extend far beyond the person's realm of kindness and come from something much deeper than the person's goodness.

It is something that goes all the way down to their faith in what they believe, to the very core of the beliefs of the person. If you can find what a man is faithful in, really and truly faithful in and go backwards from there, you will come to what is in that man's heart, what his beliefs are, and the level of where his faith is at.

You see I would say it like this, outward kindness comes from that inner goodness, but even that inner goodness comes from something deeper in the person's belief, and faithfulness in action is something that comes from this same deep place of the heart.

It goes down even further than the person's goodness, but right down to their faith, their belief, their core values of the person per say.

But it is also something that will extend to actions far past their outward kindness of the person's actions, actions that may not even be good or kind in continuing in their faithfulness driven by what their faith is.

If you need an illustration on this, think of some of the radical religious suicide bombers in some parts of the world. Their faithfulness to their cause is rooted so deep, that it goes past any thoughts of what could be perceived as good and about as far away from kindness as you can get, in carrying out acts of violence in the faithfulness to their faith.

Whatever core faith or belief that is in the heart of man, at his core is what he will be faithful to, and in the example of a suicide bomber, there are those who would say such a one performed a great act of faithfulness to their faith. Actions that originated from somewhere deep inside the soul of the person, from their life, their belief and of their faith.

And yet others would say that they performed great acts of evil, because of what they believe. Oh they were faithful all right, but faithful in some very bad ideas or beliefs.

See in Psalm 78 in verses 7 verse 8, Asaph warns Israel to pass on the laws of God to their children so that they will not forget them, as did their forefathers, he says in verse 7 and 8;

*That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments;*

*8 And may not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation that did not set its heart aright, And whose spirit was not faithful to God.*

Where does faithfulness to something begin... deep down in the heart of man. What you believe in the heart, what faith you hold in your soul!

Whatever is locked down in that deepest part of your soul and makes it all the way out into your actions and decisions, is what you are going to be faithful in, and such things or actions can and will be anything in this world.

Because unlike kindness and goodness, if this faithfulness to their faith is rooted strong enough and deep enough, will dictate actions even farther and with more zeal than any of the previous two of being good or kind.

But just like the previous two of kindness and goodness, if it is wrong or misguided or outside the will of God, it will do that misguided wrong thing very faithfully. And just about anything can fall into that category in the world's view of faithfulness. From other religions in the world, and suicide bombers, to atheists and agnostics around us, to those who cheat on their spouse.

Whatever they have chosen as their faith, their beliefs, or are the core values in the heart, is what will come out as faithfulness to that faith and belief. It may look like unfaithfulness to us, but really they are being very faithful to their own heart and belief.

And as an example, I will leave the suicide bombers out of this for now and I'll pick on Richard Dawkins for a moment, one of the most popular self proclaimed atheist in our world today. And in speaking out about the Christian faith Richard Dawkins has said that;

Faith is belief without evidence and reason;  
coincidentally that's also the definition of delusion.

He also says that;

Evidence is the only reason to believe something.



Well, God tell us, and the world, and Richard Dawkins in the bible in Romans chapter 1 verse 20;

*For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,*

So who's the one that is delusional and ignoring evidence?

See, we know where Richard Dawkins belief or faith lies, it is in evolution or the 'scientific evidence' of the world's evolution, and you can tell this by his unwavering faithfulness to the scientific aspect of this evolutionary theory.

For him, it is his belief... a belief in the 'scientific world of evolution' that dictates his unwavering faithfulness to this ideology.

And even though he says evidence is the only reason to believe something... well... is the bible not evidence? Yes, it is, but he doesn't what to believe that belief, he fights it with every fiber of his being, remaining faithful to the evolutionary cause, not matter how absurd and fallible it is. You see it is his faith, his core belief that keeps him faithful to his cause!

And not one to remain only faithful to his evolutionary cause but Richard Dawkins also goes on the attack and has said that;

The bible is a terrible moral compass, if you think about it. Of course, you can cherry pick the verses that you like, which means the verses that happen to coincide with our modern secular consensus, but then you need to have a rational for leaving out the ones that say stone people to death if they break the Sabbath , or if they commit adultery, it's an appalling moral compass.

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And yet he gives no rational for leaving out the entire bible, except to say that the bible is a terrible moral compass.

See what does Romans chapter 1 verse 21 and 22 say;

*because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.*

*22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,*

Yes, I know that the context is talking about sexually immoral people, but none the less it can apply to anyone who grows up in a church, one who hears about the faith and then decides to reject it.

Be it from bad teaching of the world or from the pleasures of sin that take over the person or from the delusion of thinking they have obtained some higher intellect to life than what is portrayed in scripture.

Listen to what the verse says; ‘but became futile in their thoughts’ this word futile is defined by the Online Bible Greek Lexicon as;

To make empty, vain, or foolish

Empty, vain, and foolish thoughts causing their hearts to be darkened, and from this darkened heart they profess to be wise, wise in all kinds of things that are not of the truth, and then it say; they became fools.

Fools in having an unwavering faithfulness to the error that is in the core of their heart, the same thing he accuses the Christians of doing.

Why does James in chapter 5 verse 20 say;

*let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.*

Or when Paul writes to Timothy in 1 Timothy chapter 4 in verse 16 saying;

*Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.*

To save us from this dark heart of foolishness. But the sad thing is that there are many who do not want to hear, there will be many who will remain faithful to error until their bitter end. It is as when Jesus spoke to the Pharisees in John chapter 8 in verses 43 to 45 we looked at this passage last time, Jesus says;

*"Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.*

*44 "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.*

*45 "But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.*

It is one of those areas that when the mind has set itself on its own faith and beliefs, like Richard Dawkins and they will remain steadfast until their dying breath, and still not weaver.

Even if all the odds of truth are stacked against them as high as the clouds and all around them, they will still not change because of what has been cemented as their beliefs in their heart.

The faithfulness of the world will be whatever is in that dark heart of man, and whatever he has set up on the throne of his heart where God should be, it is a faithfulness to error as it rules his life from there. And even the greatest of shakings will not change this if they don't want to change.

You know, how sometimes you just want to shake some sense into some people... well even when God will shake this entire earth in the tribulation it will still not change some people.

Listen to revelation chapter 9 starting in verse 17 regarding the 200 million horsemen of the tribulation it says;

*And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone.*

*18 By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths.*

*19 For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm.*

*20 But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.*

*21 And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.*

And also in Revelation chapter 16 starting in verse 8;

*Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire.*

*9 And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.*

*10 Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain.*

*11 They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.*

And one thing, the one question that always come to my mind and thinking when I read such passages is... WHY!

You have all this death, and scorching, darkness and pain, and men will still not repent of their deeds and immorality and unbelief but rather blaspheme God. WHY!

Because of their faithfulness to their error and sin that is in their hearts, is a faithfulness that goes so deep, that it will not allow them to change or want to repent.

Even when faced with the most extreme end of existence, their faithfulness to error will prevail, even to the end of their own death and destruction.

Even when this entire world is thrown into the blender of death and destruction, it being smashed to smithereens by the wrath of almighty God, people will still not repent.

And I came to one conclusion while looking at that blinking cursor on my screen and it was this, the faithfulness of the world... can and will be a cruel taskmaster of the deceived soul leading unto death and hell itself if not rectified by truth and a humble broken heart.

That people of the world that are faithful in denying God to the bitter end, has the devil laughing with glee as they pass from this life unto the next, and that in hell. Because even Paul talks about those whom God will punish at the end of this age saying in 2 Thessalonians chapter 1 verse 8 and 9;

*in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,*

Those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, because they were faithful to sin and error until the bitter end.



And I realized that the, off the cuff comment I started with in the introduction in saying; it may be easier to look at the unfaithfulness of the world rather than the faithfulness of the world. That looking at the moral state of our world today one could almost say that the only thing the world is faithful in is its continuance in being unfaithful.

I realized that the faithfulness of the world is exactly that, that it is unfaithful, not to their wives, or their jobs or their friends, but have that unwavering faithfulness of being unfaithful to God, anything but God, faithful to anything but the God of the bible. They are those who remain faithful right unto death, in their unfaithfulness and disobedience to God.

Because even if we were to back away from the extreme ‘scientific evolutionist’ or those we read of in the tribulation, and just look at people closer to home, people who are caught up with their own faithfulness to error.

And we look at people in our own little world who say things like this in regard to the gospel... ‘oh I will just take my chances in the end’ or ‘Oh I believe I'm a good person and do the best I know how... and God will understand’.

They are like the ones in the illustration I shared in the third goodness message, of the conversation between the evangelist and one of the attendees of the gospel meeting. When the evangelist asked if the man was a sinner he responded by saying;

"Well, I suppose I am, but I'm not what you could call a bad sinner. I am, I think, rather a good one. I always try to do the best I know how."

And the illustration concludes with the evangelist saying;

Further conversation revealed the fact that the gentleman was far from being ready to be saved and would, according to his own declaration, rather take "his chances" as he was.

All because of a deeper root of faith to something other than God, be it sin, be it selfishness, be it pride, whatever it maybe... some faith, deep in their soul or in their spirit that overrides the truth of the faithfulness to God and His word, and keeps them faithfully in that place of error, with unwavering faithfulness. You don't have to look at suicide bombers, or staunch atheists as examples of being faithful to error in the heart, just look at the lost everyday people around us.

The bible says that anyone can be saved, that everyone is offered salvation in Jesus Christ, and that there is no such thing as God condemning some non-elect to fulfill some hidden purpose of some hidden decree.

All people need saving from sin, no matter how deeply rooted they are in their faith of error, as James says in chapter 1 verse 23;

*but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.*

Jesus himself said;

*15 "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*

*16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

*17 "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*

*18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

It is a world that is condemned already because they have not allowed themselves to believe in the name of the only begotten Son of God, and rather, faithfully hold to their unfaithfulness of the one who brings the love of everlasting life. A faithfulness that will keep them in darkness and death and eventually hell if not changed.

The world can be faithful to the many things in their life, like their spouse, their job, their boss, their family, to the laws of the land. Even to their own goodness and kindness that they displayed in the world. But the most damaging and deadly is the faithfulness to error of doubting or rejecting the gospel, that if they do not turn from their faithfulness of error they will die in their sins and end up in hell.

The book of Ezekiel says it very plainly, in chapter 18, in verse 21 and 22 it says;

*"But if a wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed, keeps all My statutes, and does what is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die.*

*22 "None of the transgressions which he has committed shall be remembered against him; because of the righteousness which he has done, he shall live.*

In verse 23 the Lord says;

*"Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?" says the Lord GOD, "and not that he should turn from his ways and live?"*

But then he goes on to say in verse 24 and 26;

*"But when a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live? All the righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; because of the unfaithfulness of which he is guilty and the sin which he has committed, because of them he shall die.*

*26 "When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness, commits iniquity, and dies in it, it is because of the iniquity which he has done that he dies.*

But there is hope for everyone that hears these words for in the very next two verses as He says;

*"Again, when a wicked man turns away from the wickedness which he committed, and does what is lawful and right, he preserves himself alive.*

*28 "Because he considers and turns away from all the transgressions which he committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.*

He shall not die, if his faithfulness in being unfaithful to God changes, if that inner faith or belief is changed from believing error to believing the gospel, to believing Christ. If he changes that old faith of self and sin of rebellion and resentment to a new faith, one that is in God, there will be a complete new birth of the person, in becoming a born-again believer. But also a new creation in his faithfulness and the things he will be faithful to. As John says in 1 John 1:9;

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

And yet so often, when the world hears and has these worlds of life, they remain faithful to their own intuitions, their own beliefs, their own standard of life and remain faithful to their error and unfaithful to their creator God... because of the belief that is locked down deep in the vault of their soul.

Isn't this why John says in 1 John 5:19;

*We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.*

Or as Jesus says in John chapter 15 in verses 18 and 19;

*"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.*

*19 "If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.*

Or of what Paul say in chapter 3 of Romans beginning in verse 10;

*As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one;*

*11 There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God.*

*12 They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one."*

*13 "Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit"; "The poison of asps is under their lips";*

*14 "Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness."*

*15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood;*

*16 Destruction and misery are in their ways;*

*17 And the way of peace they have not known."*

*18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes."*

Why... because of what is in their soul, why else did Jesus say in Mark 7:21 out of the heart of men, proceed... all these evil things?

Because there is no fear of God before their eyes, because their faithfulness to their error that is in their hearts is too great. Not that they have been blinded so they cannot see, but the fact that, they do not want to see. They do not want to see the truth, they do not want to hear the truth, but rather as Jesus said;

*"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do.*

They will do anything but stand in the truth; bend to the truth, yield to the truth because they do not what that standard of that faith in themselves. But rather live a life in error for the devil and remain faithful to it.



The faithfulness of the world... can and will be a cruel taskmaster of the soul leading unto death and hell itself if not done away with.

As Jesus said;

*"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.*

*"Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.*

And so in conclusion, the faithfulness of the world is not only the world being faithful or unfaithful in the things of life. It is their unfaithfulness to God that rules their hearts.

It is their faithfulness to error of what is deep in the inside of the hearts of lost man that keeps them in this place, that continuance in believing falsehood. And we can see from the bible, from the book of Revelation that this unyielding spirit of faith in error can remain, even when this world will be falling apart.

That man, even in the direst conditions of the world during the tribulation, will remain faithful to the ever wicked deceptions of the heart, and remain unfaithful to their God.

And this is the contrast we needed to find, that we can see on one hand the faithfulness of God and how He is faithful to truth, to righteousness, to justices, faithful to Himself as a faithful good God. And on the other hand, the faithfulness to error that can exist in the human heart, the dedication to being unfaithful to God almighty in every area possible that pertains to Him. A faithfulness that will be their cruel taskmaster leading unto death and hell itself in the end, of not changed.

And we only have to look at ourselves in which one do we have here on the inside of our own soul? Well that will be the message for next time.