

The Faithfulness of God

This worship theme can be spoken and sung in this order or in the suggested order given on the next page. However, you should shape it to the practices of your congregation, possibly placing different elements at different places, or skipping or adding elements as needed.

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- This can be on a handout or presentation, or the congregation can read it from their Bibles
 - Song leader reads normal text, congregation joins on bold text
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Psalm 91, ESV

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
² I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”
³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.
⁴ He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor the destruction that wastes at
noonday.

⁷ **A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.**

⁸ **You will only look with your eyes
and see the recompense of the wicked.**

⁹ Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—

the Most High, who is my refuge—

¹⁰ no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.

¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

¹² On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.

¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

¹⁴ **“Because he holds fast to me in love, I
will deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my
name.**

¹⁵ **When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.**

¹⁶ **With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.”**

Songs

Great Is Thy Faithfulness	CH 100	HC 155	MH 534
When All Thy Mercies	CH 96	HC 150	MH 74
God of Our Strength	CH 27	HC 81	MH 533
God of Our Fathers		HC 158	MH 448
I Will Extol Thee	CH 73	HC 91, 92	

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- Choose from these songs, perhaps interspersing them throughout.
 - CH = Christian Hymnary, HC = Hymns of the Church, MH = Mennonite Hymnal
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Meditation

Throughout history, God has been faithful to his people. He made covenants with the patriarchs and with the nation of Israel, promising that he would bring salvation to the earth. Even though God's people disobeyed the Law of Moses and continually went after other gods, God never forgot them, but continually worked with them, always bringing good to them and promising them more good things if they remained in obedience. God fulfilled all these promises

through Jesus, who brings deliverance to all the families of the earth. To his disciples, Jesus promises things as well—that he is present with us, that he would send the Holy Spirit, that he will come again. We know that God keeps his covenants. He has a perfect track record for faithfulness, and he cannot lie. Let's find rest in God's promises and in turn be faithful to him.

- How has God been faithful to his church?
- God's promises are to his people. What do we need to do to remain God's people?
- What are some of God's promises that are especially relevant to us today?

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- Use this for your personal preparation or read it for the congregation
 - Extemporize on these questions or invite response from the congregation
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Suggested order

- I. "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" and "When All Thy Mercies"
- II. Scripture reading
- III. "God of Our Fathers" or "I Will Extol Thee"
- IV. Meditation
- V. "God of Our Strength"
- VI. A prayer