

The Word of Truth

The Firm Basis for a Grounded Trust in God that Leads to Triumphant Living

[A]nd without trusting it is impossible to please God: for it is necessary for one who comes to God to believe because then He becomes a rewarder to those who seek Him out. (Heb. 11:6; The Power New Testament by William J. Morford)

1. The Character of God—the God of Truth

- a. We must go beyond merely believing that God *exists* and begin to grasp who and what God *is* to us. This is important in trusting Him
- b. God is the object of our faith. We should be careful not to separate God from His Word (John 1:1; Heb. 1:1-2).
- c. Do not forget that it is one and the same to believe in the Word, or in the person who speaks the Word, or in the thing which is promised in the Word. The very same faith that receives the promises also receives the Father who promises, and the Son with the salvation that is given in the promises. Please see to it that you never separate the Word and the living God from each other (Andrew Murray)². Lack of Faith is Calling God a Liar

2. The God of Truth—The God of the “Amen”

- a. Deut. 32:4
- b. The revelation about God is for our benefit. God says that he is a “rock.” When God refers to Himself this way,
- c. He is saying that He is a defender against our enemies (Deut. 32:30; 1 Sam. 2:1-2; 2 Sam. 22:2, 3, 32, 47; Psalm 18:2, 31, 46; 62:7; 94:22; 95:1).
- d. Isaiah 65:16
- e. In both of these passages the word “truth” is translated as “amen” in other places in the Old Testament. This is one of God’s names-title.
- f. Alexander McClaren says that the meaning of the name “is an adjective, which means literally firm, true, reliable, or the like.”
- g. Another Bible dictionary says that this word “characterizes a statement as being beyond doubt and irrefutable.”

- h. When God places the “amen” on His promises, we can rest assured that they are firm, true, reliable, and “beyond doubt” because *He* is firm, true and reliable.
- i. Psalm 31:5 – Practical cooperation with God
- j. And these two uses of the expression, reposing on its plain meaning, in the first instance signifying, I tell you that it is so and in the second instance signifying, So may it be! or, So we believe it is,” underlie this grand title which God takes to Himself here, the God of the Amen,” both His Amen and ours. So that the thought opens up very beautifully and simply into these two, His truth and our faith. - McLaren

3. Jesus Christ is the Truth

- a. The God, whose essential nature is truth, is *omni-dependable*:
- b. *Why would God make His promises on oath? Because He wanted to make absolutely clear that His purposes never change. It is clear to all His children that He is faithful in keeping His Word, because He confirmed His promises by an oath. He chose to do this for our sakes, so that we would know for certain that God would never lie and that His promises are utterly dependable. It is simply not possible for God to lie, because He is the Truth!* (Heb. 6:17-18; The Truth New Testament by Colin Urquhart)
- c. John 14:1-6
- d. Jesus is the perfect expression of the Truth of God. He *is* the Truth. Looking at Jesus tells us what God is like.

4. Jesus Christ is God’s “Amen”

- a. Rev. 3:14.
- b. In Rev. 3:14, the meaning of Jesus being “the Amen” means that He is “faithful and *true*.” The word “true” in Rev. 3:14 and “the Truth” in John 14:6 are in the same word family in the Greek.
- c. The word is directly related -- in fact, almost identical -- to the Hebrew word for "believe" (amam), or faithful. Thus, it came to mean “sure” or “truly”, an expression of absolute trust and confidence

5. Connecting “the Amen” to the Promises of God

- a. 1 Cor. 1:19-20
- b. *“Timothy and Silvanus and I have been telling you about Jesus Christ the Son of God. He isn't one to say "yes" when he means "no." He always does exactly what*

he says. He carries out and fulfills all of God's promises, no matter how many of them there are; and we have told everyone how faithful he is, giving glory to his name." (The Living Bible).

- c. "God is not a man. He will not lie. God is not a human being. He does not change his mind. **What he says he will do, he does. What he promises, he keeps**" (Num. 23:19; New Century Version)
- d. Eze. 36:37

6. Connecting "the Amen" to the Promises of God

- a. John 15:26
- b. In the Greek the word "Comforter" is rich with meaning. The Holy Spirit is "One called alongside to help." He can be called on in an emergency, is concerned with our interests, will see us through all difficulties, and will transact all spiritual business for us. He is our companion and guide.
- c. John 16:13
- d. There is no revelation of the Truth apart from the Holy Spirit guiding us. It is He that makes God's Word come alive to us and He that protects us from error (1 John 4:6).
- e. By the Spirit of Truth we are guided into the revelation of our God's character, and through this, our trust in His Word becomes more grounded