

The Attributes of God ~ His Veracity

Intro: The Veracity of God is His absolute conformity to Truth. It is the reason we can trust all that He is and all that He says. In Him there is no darkness or deception!

1 Samuel 15:29

"Also the Glory of Israel will not lie or change His mind; for He is not a man that He should change His mind."

Ps 119:142, 151 & 160

Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
And Your law is truth.
You are near, O LORD,
And all Your commandments are truth.
The sum of Your word is truth,
And every one of Your righteous ordinances
is everlasting.

Observation:

- Carefully **read** and **reread** the text.
- Note** all persons, nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions & articles.
- Ask:** Who? What? When? Where? How? & Why?
Find answers in the text, *only!*
- Note** and **mark** key words and ideas, as well as their *relationships* with one another.

Note and mark

- What (God) will not do. 1 Samuel 15:29
- What is truth. Psalm 119:142, 151 & 160

Interpretation:

1 Samuel 15:29 What is the significance about what is said of 'man'? _____

Read 1 Samuel 15:1-31. What is the significance of verse 29 in light of the context? _____

Psalm 119: What does the word 'truth' mean? _____

How is this significant to God's 'law', 'commandments' and 'word'? _____

Why is it important for our faith that God's word be found true? _____

Note:

Both this verse and its parallel, Numbers 23:19, imply that God, unlike man, does not lie or change His mind, but keeps His word and does what He promises to do.

Though God's Veracity is most often seen as a positive attribute, it can spell bad news for those who defy God as 1 Samuel 15 demonstrates.

Note:

Just as God is True, so His Word is Truth. The word 'true' describes what is 'sure, reliable and faithful'. As the Believer is called to trust God and His Word, the Veracity of God is the basis of our faith in Him.

Can you imagine if God were unreliable? If His Word was not trustworthy? How would you ever be able to believe Him?

But because God is Truth and His Word is True, our faith will never be in vain. We can be sure that what God has promised He will do, and that what He says, is.

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Exodus 34:6

Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed,
"The LORD, the LORD God,
compassionate and gracious, slow to anger,
and abounding in lovingkindness and truth;

John 17:17

Sanctify them by the truth;
your word is truth.

John 14:6

Jesus *said to him,
"I am the way, and the truth, and the life;
no one comes to the Father but through Me.

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- What the LORD God is abounding in. Exodus 34:6
- By what they are to be sanctified. John 17:17
- What Jesus claimed to be. John 14:6

Interpretation:

Exodus 34:6 Read Exodus chapter 34: What is happening in this chapter? _____

How is God, proclaiming Himself as abounding in truth, significant to the context? _____

John 17:17 What does 'sanctify them by the truth' mean? _____

John 14:6 How is Jesus 'the truth'? _____

How does this relate to our coming to the Father only through Jesus? _____

Note:

Our God is not a shrinking violet. He will not hesitate to speak out when it comes to His Person or accomplishments, for when He proclaims who He is, it is not bragging but fact!

Here, He proclaims Himself as the 'LORD God ... abounding in ... truth'. Truth saturates His very Being! And to our benefit! For when He establishes a covenant with us, as He is doing here with Israel, we can be absolutely certain that it will not be broken from His side!

Note:

The word 'sanctify' comes from the same word as 'holy' in the NT and means to be pure or separated from the profane. In a world inundated by deceit and deception, a life lived in strict conformity to God and His Word will be a life sanctified.

The primary example of this is Jesus who is Truth, for He never strayed for a moment from God's way!

Application Principles: In light of what you have learned, what **Truths** or **Principles** are taught in these texts about God's Veracity?

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Write out a verse from above that you would like to memorize and/or meditate upon:

Application Practicals: In light of these Truths & Principles, what will you **do** to apply them to your life **today**?

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From what you learned, how is God different from His creation and/or creatures?

Final Note:

The Veracity of God is His guarantee that our faith will never be in vain. God will never deceive, defraud or distort, for He cannot, by His very nature, lie. We can be absolutely certain that He is as He claims to be, and will do what He promises to. Truth is part of His very substance, and though we may resort to lies and deceit, He never ever will.

*God is Truth
In Him there is No Deception!*