

6) Faithfulness: To be reliable, steadfast and unwavering-- keeping promises “I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called **Faithful and True**. With justice he judges and wages war.” Rev 19:11

God’s faithfulness seen through His eight promises:

- 1) Edenic—**Rule**— “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to **work it and take care of it.**” Gen 2:15 “So God created humans to be like himself; he made men and women. God gave them his blessing and said: *Have a lot of children! Fill the earth with people and **bring it under your control.** ...I have provided all kinds of fruit and grain **for you to eat.**” Gen 1:26-29; 2:18 John 15:26 *When the helper comes...To comfort the afflicted, convict the comfortable, empower the work**
- 2) Adamic—**Redemption** Christ will **overcome and destroy** the Evil one “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” Gen 3:15 Jesus who knew no sin became sin on our behalf... Rom 5:8
- 3) Noahic—**Restraint**— “**Never again will I curse the ground** because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.” Gen 8:21

What is important is not the “why” but the “what.” God doesn’t expect us to understand His decisions, but does expect us to decide to trust Him no matter what the delay, trial, or suffering is at the moment. Not “why” Lord, but “what” Lord do you want me to do about it? What do I need to learn? Who can I help?

Is God your Father first in your life? Salvation, Sanctification, and Service

Family/friends -- relationship w/ them/others? Does He guide them? Do you serve them as Jesus would? Given them a Bible?

Interests-- work, school, hobbies, recreation, etc.? Do you trust Him? Do you pray for a test, meeting, project, sport?

Resources -- salary, possessions, talents, skills? Do you tithe to Him? Tithe, Save/invest/spend Do you have a God-given budget?

Situations -- Do you call on the Lord God first when you need help? When life changes your condition, change your position. You can’t keep something from happening to you, but you can control what happens in you! The Holy Spirit!

Time --Do you spend time w/Him first in the morning and later on? Whatever is first in your life is your God? Faith come by hearing and hearing by the word of God. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God Romans 10:17

- 4) Abrahamic—**Restore ...** “And in you **all the families** of the earth shall **be blessed.**” Gen 12:3 “The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. *May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.*” Ps 67:7
- 5) Mosaic—**Reveal** – “Do not **make idols or set up an image** or a sacred stone for yourselves, and do not place a carved stone in your land to bow down before it. I am the Lord your God. “**Observe my Sabbaths** and have reverence for my sanctuary. I am the Lord. “If you follow my decrees and are **careful to obey my commands**, I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees their fruit... ” Lev 26:1-4; (see 5-46)
- 6) Palestinian—**Return** “When all these blessings and curses I have set before you come on you and you take them to heart wherever the Lord your God disperses you among the nations, and when you and your children return to the Lord your God and obey him with all your heart and with all your soul according to everything I command you today, then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where he scattered you. Even if you have been banished to the most distant land under the heavens, from there the Lord your God will **gather you and bring you back.** He will **bring you to the land** that belonged to your ancestors, and you will take possession of it. He will make you more **prosperous and numerous** than your ancestors. The Lord your God will **circumcise your hearts and the hearts** of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live.” Deut 30:1-10 **Are you ready to return to God and follow Him?**

How to love God with all your soul? How do you strengthen a weak will?

- 1) **M** _____ .
- 2) **O** _____ .
- 3) **W** _____ .

The best way to get _____ is to get _____ .

Homework:

1. How has God blessed you? How can you be more intentional using your gifts?
2. How are you fulfilling the great Commission? What part are you playing?
3. Do you have any idols in your life that have replaced the Lord God? Be specific.
4. How do you love the Lord with your soul? How do you make the right choices?
5. What does it mean to fear God? Is it ever okay to feel afraid of God? Explain.
6. Have you received Jesus as your Lord and Savior? Confess & believe (Rom 10:9).
7. How did God’s truth speak to you this morning from His Word to your heart?
8. What adjustments do you need to make in your life as a result of this truth?