

Always Faithful

Occasionally I listen to "talk radio". Several weeks ago I heard about two soldiers in Kentucky who lived next door to one another. The soldiers were good friends and the wife of one of the soldiers was having an affair with her husband's friend. The two lovers schemed to find a way to dispose of the husband, but nothing suitable was found until the soldiers were notified that they would be "shipping out" to Kuwait. The wife encouraged her boyfriend to line her husband up in his sights during battle, after all, accidents happen. Shortly after arriving overseas the boyfriend tossed a grenade into the husband's tent. He was wounded. The soldier decided he better get rid of some files on his computer back home, so he called a friend to have him go to his house and delete files. Well, you know that human nature carries with it a certain amount of curiosity. Before deleting the files he decided to read some of the files and while reading discovered the plot between the two lovers. The police were called and the two "love birds" went to trial. At the close of the trial the wounded husband asked the judge to release his wife. He said he loved her and was willing to take her back. He was certainly a faithful husband.

I could not help but wonder how anyone could be that forgiving and faithful. But what about the Lord? God loved the world so much He sent His son to die on the cruel cross of Calvary. Paul said that while we were sinners Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). The crowd at the cross was certainly a vivid illustration of God's faithfulness. The mob was taking the life of the precious Son of God and what does Jesus do? "Then said Jesus, **Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).**

The history of Israel is but a description of God's love and devotion. A testimony of God's faithfulness. It seemed that Israel had a "yo-yo" personality. They were up and down. Faithful one minute, unfaithful the next. They would obey God for a time and then go after the gods of the neighbors. God was always willing to take them back. A lesson to learn from that is God's faithfulness does not depend upon our faithfulness. God is faithful whether we are or not.

Jesus told the disciples, "I go and prepare a place for you" (John 14:2). The mansions in heaven are prepared, the Lord keeps His Word. Will we be faithful in order to occupy one of the dwelling places in heaven? Am I faithful to God in all things?

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