

# 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. Why Trusting God is of such Importance to Him

- a. *“The person who is right with me will live by trusting in me. But if he turns back with fear, I will not be pleased with him” (Heb. 10:38; New Century Version).*
- b. “Faith” (KJV) is from the Greek word *Pistis* - conviction of the truth of anything, belief; in the NT of a conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, generally with the included idea of trust and holy fervour born of faith and joined with it.
- c. “Faith” and “Trust” are synonymous terms

### 2. Lack of Faith is Calling God a Liar

- a. 1 John 5:10
- b. Calling God a liar brought the downfall of man
- c. Gen. 2:17; 3:1-5

### 3. The Foundation of a Firm Trust – God Cannot Lie

- a. God has certain divine limitations – He is unable to lie
- b. Titus 1:1-3
- c. Greek scholar A. T. Robertson says that this phrase can be translated, “The non-lying God.”
- d. “This is the life God promised long ago—and he doesn't break promises!” (Titus 1:2; The Message)

### 4. It is Impossible for God to Lie

- a. *“with God all things are possible” (Matt. 19:26)*
- b. Heb. 6:17

- c. Until God said that word or a word to that effect, it was at His own option to hear prayer or not, but it is not so now. If true prayer is offered through Jesus Christ, His truth binds Him to hear it. A man may be perfectly free, but the moment he makes a promise he is not free to break it; and the everlasting God will not break His promise. He delights to fulfill it.” (Spurgeon)
- d. *Therefore, God in his desire to make it abundantly clear to those to whom he made his promise, that his purpose was unalterable, bound Himself with an oath, so that by these two unalterable things, which make it impossible for God to break his promise, we who have taken refuge with him may be greatly encouraged to seize the hope that is offered to us.* (Goodspeed Translation)

#### 5. Why Is It Impossible for God to Lie

- a. God is free to make choices, but there is truly no such thing as “freedom to sin” because sin is actually a *bondage* (Prov. 5:22; John 8:34; Romans 6:6, 12, 16, 19, 20; Titus 3:3; 2 Pet. 2:19).
- b. Due to His HOLINESS – Psalm 89:33-35
- c. Due to His Righteousness – Isa. 45:21-25