

I Believe God

I. Introduction

A. As the apostle Paul exemplified, being faithful to God involves not only believing *in* God, but believing *God*. **Acts 27:25**

II. Believe God's Word is True

A. At the heart of this is an attitude that takes God at His Word. Since God cannot lie, He gives us reason to trust every Word He says. **Titus 1:2** (cf. **Heb. 6:18**)

III. Believe God's Commands Are Good

A. Our confidence in what the Lord says should extend to the things He commands of us. We should determine “what He says we will do, where He sends we will go.” We must submit to His commands for us regardless of whether we fully understand His “end of the stick.” **Hebrews 11:8**

IV. Believe God Knows Best

- A. God's “end of the stick” involves an understanding that is far superior to ours. Instead of trying to “out-think” God, we should trust that His wisdom is perfect. **Isaiah 55:9**
- B. One application of this involves God's answering of prayers. He may, for instance, choose to help us *through* a trial that we think He should just *remove*. We must trust His will and believe that He knows best. **2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

V. Believe God Cares for His Children

A. Regardless of what trials we face in life, we should trust that God cares for His children. God will ensure we have what we need to serve Him faithfully, and He will make sure that things are ultimately and eternally OK for the faithful. **1 Peter 3:12; Romans 8:28**

VI. Believe God Keeps His Promises

A. This ties in with God's faithfulness to keep His promises. God promises the faithful forgiveness, redemption, and reconciliation with Him as we are on earth, and ultimately, eternal life in heaven. We should believe His promises. **Titus 1:2**

VII. Believe God through Trials

A. Believing God's commands are good and that He knows best, cares for His children, and keeps His promises, is especially important when faced with *trials*. We should cast our anxieties upon Him, trusting Him with things out of our control. **Philippians 4:6; Revelation 17:14**

VIII. Believe God through Temptations

A. Moreover, when faced with *temptation*, we should believe God's promise to ensure a “way of escape” always exists. Because of God's faithfulness, we should always trust that obedience to His commands is doable. **1 Corinthians 10:13; 6:9-11**