

## **MORNING WORSHIP**

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Texts : **Galatians 5:22-23**

Title : **The Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness (Faith)**

### **INTRODUCTION**

1. The emphasis on Faith in the Scriptures

- a) Consistent
- b) Constructive
- c) Corrective

2. The emphasis on Faithfulness

- a) Natural
- b) Needed

### **REVIEW OF THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**

Galatians 5:22

- 1. Love
- 2. Joy
- 3. Peace
- 4. Longsuffering
- 5. Kindness
- 6. Goodness

## THE PLACE OF FAITH

### 1. A working definition of Faith

*“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1*

- a) Foundational
- b) Evidential

### 2. The Just shall live by faith

*“For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.” Romans 1:17*

- a) Justified by faith
- b) Living by faith in every age

## THE EXPECTATION OF FAITHFULNESS

### 1. The Teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ

*<sup>45</sup> “Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? <sup>46</sup> Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. <sup>47</sup> Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.” Matthew 24:45-47*

- a) A faithful and wise servant
- b) A work entrusted
- c) Faithfulness practised
- d) The blessing of commendation

## 2. The Lord Jesus as an Example of Faithfulness

*<sup>17</sup> “Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.”  
Hebrews 2:17-18*

- a) A merciful and faithful High Priest
- b) To make propitiation for the sins of the people
- c) He suffered, being tested (“tempted”)
- d) He is able to aid others who are tested

## 3. The Teaching of the Apostle Paul

*<sup>1</sup> “Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. <sup>2</sup> Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.” 1 Corinthians 4:1-2*

- a) Servants of Christ
- b) Stewards of the mysteries of God
- c) Requirement: Faithfulness

## **THE FRUIT OF FAITHFULNESS**

### 1. Examples of faithfulness

- a) Tychichus

*“A beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord” Ephesians 6:21*

- i) Beloved brother
- ii) Faithful minister

b) Timothy

*“My beloved and faithful son” 1 Corinthians 4:17*

i) Beloved son

ii) Faithful son

## 2. Faithfulness is a fruit of the Holy Spirit

a) Receiving of the Spirit (Galatians 3:2)

b) Begun in the Spirit (Galatians 3:3)

c) Supply of the Spirit (Galatians 3:5)

d) Walk in the Spirit (Galatians 5:16)

e) Led by the Spirit (Galatians 5:18)

f) Live in the Spirit (Galatians 5:25)

## **CONCLUSION**

1. Be challenged to be faithful

2. Be filled with the Spirit so that faithfulness may be achieved

*“Be filled with the Spirit” Ephesians 5:18*

3. Look forward to the commendation of the Lord

*“Well done, good and faithful servant” Matthew 25:23*