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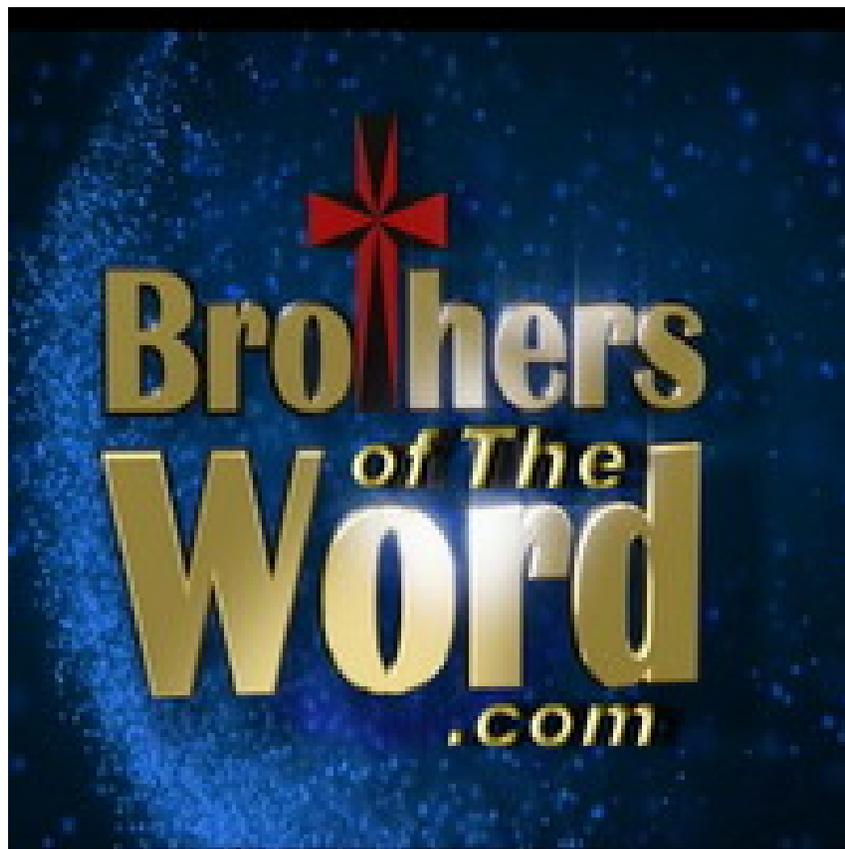
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Female Speaker: And now for #7586, 'God's Faithfulness To His Word Part 2'.

C. Elijah Bronner: Thank you for joining Brothers of The Word, because brother, you need the Word.

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We welcome all of you joining us by television and those of you joining us at BrothersofTheWord.com, stay tuned to today's message, always happy and thrilled to have you tune in and worship with us.

Well, I would just like to read a little humor someone sent me this week, and it reads, a man goes to the doctor and the doctor says, I have good news and I have bad news. The man eagerly says, well, doc, give me the good news. The doctor says you have 24 hours to live. The man angrily replies, well, what's the bad news? The doctor says I forgot to tell you yesterday.

Well, I would like to read a scripture out of the Amplified Bible. Romans, Chapter 3, Romans, Chapter 3, Verse 3 and 4, Romans Chapter 3, verse 3 and 4. And I am going to be reading from the Amplified version, so it will read a little differently than what you have. But it simply says what if some did not believe and were without faith. Does their lack of faith and their faithfulness or faithlessness nullify and make ineffective and void the faithfulness of God and His fidelity to His Word?

"God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar". I like that. I like that.

And so we have been using as a subject, this is Part 2 of the subject, 'God's Faithfulness To His Word'.

And also flip over to Numbers 23, Numbers 23, it's in the Old Testament, it's actually the fourth book of the Bible; Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, and then you will run into Numbers. Numbers Chapter 23, and I am going to have you turn into a lot of scriptures today, I want you to see some things for yourself and we will just do kind of a rabbit trail through the Bible.

But Numbers Chapter 23 and Verse number 19, let's read that one together in unison. When you get there, say amen? Numbers 23:19, ready? Read!

“God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?”

And so there we see God's faithfulness to His Word. This instance here in Numbers is actually God speaking through Balaam to give a message back to Balak, because Balak wanted Balaam to change God's Word, and so God is letting him know, it's not that simple, I don't change My Word. And He said if I have said something, I will bring it to pass. If I spoke it, I will make it good. God is a man of His Word.

So God says you are not dealing with a man, you are dealing with God, you are dealing with God, and I don't change My Word. I am faithful to My Word, and My Word means something.

We have to get back to the point where our word means something. There used to be a time where your words meant something. You know, back in the old days they didn't have written contracts, you just simply gave your word and shook hands. You know, if you needed to borrow money from the bank, there was no paperwork, you just told the banker how much you need and gave him your word, when you will pay it back, you shake his hand and that was the end of it. Those days are long gone. But your word meant something, your word meant something back in those days.

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And, you know, now some people will lie, they just lie, they lie so much they believe their own lies. They lie so much they don't

even realize they are lying. They have convinced themselves that they are telling the truth.

And even the best of us, I have told a few lies myself at times. I am not proud of it, I am just letting you know, that's -- that's human nature. You know, you can be a good person, but you can be put on a tough spot and sometimes it seems only a lie is appropriate. I mean presidents lie, presidents of the United States will lie. They will lie, I have no relations with anyone, you know?

People are lying, they will lie on all levels, and that's because it's a primitive base human nature. When a little child gets in trouble, you know, I have had things that break at my house, and nobody did it, nobody, nobody did it. There is just some mysterious being that's going around breaking things, because nobody of course did it when you ask them about it. So it's sort of a base human nature, but as we grow hopefully we can stop the lying.

Turn to your neighbor and say, stop the lying, please, stop the lying. But God is not a man, that's what the Bible says, you know, let God be true and let every man be a liar, that's a part of human nature, but that's not the nature of God. God means what He says and He says what He means because God's Word carry so much power, He can't afford to lie, He can't lie. It's impossible for Him to lie.

This whole universe is held up by His Word. Everything here is held by His Word, it's held by His Word, and He said His Word in nature just to prove to us that His Word is faithful, and that's why day and night and the sun going up and coming down is consistent, because that's His Word and He shows you the consistency, the faithfulness of His Word even in nature. And if God's Word is consistent enough and faithful enough to keep the world here, isn't it faithful enough to sustain our lives and to take care of us, where we can put our hope in His Word and our trust and our faith in His Word.

And so God is faithful, He is faithful to His Word. God is faithful to His Word. He remains ever committed to make good whatever He says.

Psalms 1:19 lets us know that His Word is settled forever in heaven, settled forever in heaven. His Word will not dissolve or be shaken. He never, never, never recalls His promise.

You know, sometimes on your automobiles, you know, certain automobile manufacturers, they will issue a recall, because they discovered that something is faulty, something is not right and they have to recall it. God never recalls His promises. He never recalls His promises. There is never anything faulty, never anything wrong. He never recalls His promises.

Flip over to Hebrews Chapter 10, Verse 23, I told you, I just want to just kind of drown you in the word, just want to show you all these scriptures here. We saw in Romans 3:3-4 that a person's lack of faith or faithlessness doesn't nullify, doesn't make ineffective and void the faithfulness of God and His fidelity to His Word.

God's Word is true no matter how we miss it, no matter what we think about it, God's Word is true, God's Word is settled forever in heaven, it is settled, it stands firm, it is settled forever in heaven.

Hebrews Chapter 10, look at Verse 23, Hebrews Chapter 10, Verse 23 and notice what it says, Let us hold fast the profession or the confession of our faith without wavering, for He is faithful that promised. So hold on to God's Word, hold on to God's Word, don't stop speaking His Word, don't stop confessing His Word, don't stop confessing His promises over your life because He is faithful that promise.

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God is faithful to His Word. That means His promise is a promise you can depend on. His promise is a promise you can depend on. You can rely on it. You know, some people tell you certain things, you can't really rely on them, you can't depend on them, but God's Word can be depended on, it can be relied upon. You can lean on His promise. You can lean on His promise. And so God is faithful, God is faithful to His Word, He is faithful to His Word. And so you should confess it, you should confess it.

I thought about this, there are seven things we should do with God's Word, seven things that we should do with God's Word.

Number one, we should read it. Everybody say read it?

Audience Members: Read it.

C. Elijah Bronner: We should read it. Number two, we should write it. Everybody say write it?

Audience Members: Write it.

C. Elijah Bronner: My daughter has the most beautiful collage of handwritten scriptures on her door, and they are simply promises from God's Word, just promises from God's Word. And you don't know how refreshing it is just to stand there and be reminded, to be reminded of those promises.

So we should read it and we should write it, everybody say read it and write it?

Audience Members: Read it and write it.

C. Elijah Bronner: I started to say and arithmetic, but you want to read it, you want to write it, you want to study it, you want to study it, you want to study it.

Christians don't really like to study God's Word. They like to go to church and hear a message and that's pretty much the extent of their encounter with God's Word. No, God's Word is to be read, is to be written. You know, God instructed the people in the Old Testament, He said, write it on your doorpost, so you can see it, so you can see it coming in and when you are going out.

God was saying in other words, put My Word to remind, to remind yourself of My promises, that I am faithful to My Word, so write it on your doorpost, write it down, put it where you can see it; put it on your mirror, you have to remind yourself.

You know, Isaiah says God invites us to put Him in remembrance of His Word, put Him in remembrance, but how are you going to put Him in remembrance of something you don't know? You have got to know it first to remind Him of it. And so that's why you have to read it, and say read it?

Audience Members: Read it.

C. Elijah Bronner: You have read it, you have to write it, you have to study it, you have to study it, you have to read it, write it, study it.

And then number four, you have to meditate, you have to meditate on God's Word. That's giving yourself the opportunity to mutter it, to let it go over and over and over in your mind, you meditate on it, you are thinking upon it, you are reflecting upon it, you are meditating on the Word, you are meditating on the Word.

And then you confess it, you confess it; you read it, you write it, you study it, you meditate on it, you confess it, then you act on it. Everybody say act on it?

Audience Members: Act on it.

C. Elijah Bronner: Act on it, act on God's Word.

And then number 7, pray, pray God's Word. Let your prayer life be based on God's Word. Let your prayer life be based on God's Word.

The Bible says in the Gospel of John it says, If you abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, then you will ask what you will and it will be done. So in other words, have God's Word as a basis for your prayer life, have His Word as a basis for your prayer life.

You know, in the Book of Isaiah where He invites us to put Him in remembrance of His Word, He tells us there to plead your case. You are like an attorney in court pleading your case. So when you go before the throne of God, the Bible is giving us the imagery that you are like an attorney and you go before God and you are giving Him the law, so you are quoting, when you go to God with His Word, it's like an attorney, you are quoting precedent, you are quoting cases, you are presenting your case.

So Lord, based on this particular scripture, Philippians, Chapter 4, Verse 19, based on that scripture Lord, God, my needs are met according to Your riches and glory. So you are like an attorney. So you are pleading your case, you are pleading your case, but you are not just arbitrarily standing there running

your mouth, you are going there, and this is what it says, put Him in remembrance of His word.

So you are going there like a prepared attorney that's presenting for a client, you are pleading your own case, and so you prepare your case when you go to God, prepare your case. You say no, no, God, You are going to have to do this for me, because your Word says, you know, you have your case prepared.

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God is a respecter of His Word and when you put Him in remembrance, it's sort of like, you know, my daughter, a couple of weeks ago, I came home from work and as soon as I got there, she said daddy, you said today you are going to take me to the fair. I didn't feel like going to the fair. I didn't feel like going to the fair.

But, you know, I took her to the fair because I had given my word and she put me in check, she put me in check on my words, so my word made me take her to the fair when I didn't feel like going to the fair. She presented her case, she presented her case, as soon as I hit the door she said daddy you said. And so you have to present your case.

So Isaiah -- I love that in Isaiah 43:25-26, it invites us to plead our case, you plead your case to the Lord based on His Word, based on His Word you plead your case, put Him in remembrance of His Word.

And so you use the word in prayer, you use the word in prayer, it's very powerful, because God is faithful to His Word.

Flip over to Matthew Chapter 24, Verse 35, Matthew Chapter 24, Verse 35, I told you I am going to give you a myriad of scriptures, so I want to just soak you in it. You know, certain times when cooks are cooking certain things, they have to soak them in certain things overnight to just let it marinate. So I just want to soak you. I just want to soak you in the Word and let you marinate in it.

Matthew Chapter 24, Verse 35, notice this, what Jesus says about His Word, He says, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Words shall not pass away."

Notice that, His word is more sure and lasting than heaven and earth. You know, at the end of time when -- heaven and earth shall pass away at the end of time, there is a set time, God has already given a decree and the orders, that's already set, so heaven and earth shall pass away, but God's Word will still be unchanged. God's Word is eternal. It is settled forever in heaven.

So when heaven and earth has passed away as we know it, thank God His Word is still the same. Thank God we are still cleansed by the blood of Jesus, because His Word says so. We are still righteous and loved by the Father, because His Word says so.

So, even when heaven and earth has gone, thank God we can hang on to the Word. You can still hang on to the Word, hang on to the Word. So He lets us know that His Word is eternal, His word is eternal, it is unchanging, it is unchanging. Everybody say unchanging?

Audience Members: Unchanging.

C. Elijah Bronner: There is a scripture; I am not going to have you to turn here because it's so short, but in John 10:35, Jesus said Scripture cannot be broken. Scripture cannot be broken.

I will never forget reading the Bible and I saw Jesus walking through little towns, you know, the Bible says He came up through Naphtali and He went through this little town and that little town and it continued on by saying that it might be fulfilled that was written in the scriptures. It had been written in the scriptures thousands of years before Jesus got here the little towns that He would walk through.

So when Jesus got here, He had to hit those little towns in order to fulfill scripture. Some towns He didn't feel like going to, but He had to go there, He had to go there, because it was written, it was already written. So Jesus said Scripture cannot be broken. Man, that's good. Oh, that's good. Scripture cannot be broken. Scripture cannot be broken.

So we have something solid that we can build our lives on. We have something solid we can build our faith and confidence in.

Scripture cannot be broken, cannot be broken. I love that. Scripture cannot be broken.

Now, I am going to have you to turn and look at this one, Jeremiah Chapter 1, flip over to Jeremiah Chapter 1 real quick, Jeremiah Chapter 1, look at Verse 11 and 12.

“Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree. Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.”

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And that word hasten, actually the Amplified Bible reads it this way, I will watch over my word to perform it. I will watch over my word to perform it. So he said Jeremiah, what do you see? Jeremiah said I see a branch from an almond tree. God said you have seen correctly.

The almond tree is a very unique tree, it's the earliest blossoming tree there is. So the almond tree blossoms early, before spring. So the almond tree is already blossoming like in January, so by March it's already full of fruit, while the other tree is just now beginning to bud, almond tree is almost over. It's so far ahead of all the other trees, because the almond tree, it watches, it's like it's on the lookout, it can't wait to blossom and so it's bursting to blossom.

And so God is saying, just like the almond tree is waiting for an opportunity to blossom, it is alert, it is alive, it's active, it's anticipating, it can't wait, so I am with My Word. I am watching, I am alert, I can't wait to fulfill My Word, I am watching over My Word to bring it to pass all the time.

God is all the time working to fulfill His Word at the right opportunity. So He is always waiting, He is always active, He is on alert, He is always on the lookout to fulfill His Word. He is always on the lookout to fulfill His Word, because remember, He can't lie. He has to bring it to pass. So God is always on the lookout. He is always on the lookout. He is always watching, He is always alert, He is always vigilant, because He watches over His Word to perform it, to bring it to pass.

So the almond tree is actually called the hasty tree, hasty, quick, hasty, can't wait. This is the hasty tree or the waking tree, it never sleeps. It's just can't wait to bloom. It's ahead of all the other trees because it's excited, it just can't wait to blossom, and so it can't wait for spring, so it just blossoms in January. That's the almond tree.

And so God said, just like that tree, He said, man, I can't wait to bring My Word to pass. He said I am always watching, I am always alert, I am always on the lookout to bring My Word to pass. Praise God! Praise God! Praise God! Praise God! Praise God!

And I have more scriptures I wanted you to look at and I guess we will tap into it next time and maybe do Part 3 on this, but it is so exciting when you get in there and see how God is bound to His Word. He cannot lie. That's actually mentioned about three or four times in the Bible that He cannot lie. It's mentioned in Hebrews, it's mentioned in Titus, it's mentioned there, we read in Numbers, but He cannot lie. He cannot lie.

Aren't you happy God can't lie? He can't lie. Man, that behooves us to get His Word and put it in our hearts, to believe it, to live it, have confidence in it and trust in it, because He cannot lie, He cannot lie.

Praise God! Praise God! Praise God! So get His Word in you and you can hang your life on it, because He cannot lie.

Now, I am going over into Part 3 right now, the Book of Hebrews, it talked about God was so adamant about letting Abraham know that He wouldn't break His promise, He said Abraham, I will come down on your level, on a level that you understand.

Now, He said in mankind's -- in your operation, you all understand what it -- when you give your word and you really want to show that it's sincere and it won't be broken, you confirm it by an oath. You take an oath, you swear, and so God says, I am going to do that, and so God actually made an oath, He swore, but here is the problem, now He says, when man normally swears, you swear about something greater than yourself.

And so we always swear on, you know, on the Bible or we will swear on God's name or whatever. So God couldn't find anything greater, so He had to swear on Himself.

So God raised His right hand and He said, I God swear on myself that I will keep My Word. He confirmed His Word by immutable oath, to immutable things that cannot be broken. He swore and He confirmed it by an oath to immutable things. He said I can't lie, I can't lie, I can't lie.

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Man, see, I am all over into Part 3 here. I am all over into Part 3, I am having a sign. Praise God! Amen! God's Word is so good and I am just happy that we can base our lives on it. I am happy that we can have confidence on it knowing that He won't lie, He can't lie. Scripture cannot be broken, cannot be broken.

Next time the devil is trying to persuade you, you have got to just look the devil in the eye and say, listen, scripture cannot be broken, cannot be broken, cannot be broken. Praise God! Amen! Amen!

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