**Heman – Faithful 1 Chron 15:16-24**

**Offering - There are no shortcuts to the blessings of God.**

Prov 28:19-20 He who tills his land will have plenty of food,

But he who follows empty pursuits will have poverty in plenty.

20 A faithful man will abound with blessings,

But he who makes haste to be rich will not go unpunished. NASU

**Being faithful is having the character & nature of God.**

Deut 7:9-10 "Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His loving-kindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;” NASU

**Faithfulness is not something you are born with, or without. It is something that you can receive as a gift of grace from God, or reject. Every part of the nature of God is given to us through spending time in His word, prayer and intimacy.**

**Faithfulness to God defined.**

1 Sam 2:35 'But I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who **will do according to what is in My heart and in My soul**; and I will build him an enduring house, and he will walk before My anointed always. NASU

Ps 119:30-32 I have chosen the faithful way;

**I have placed Your ordinances before me.**

**31 I cling to Your testimonies;**

O Lord, do not put me to shame!

32 **I shall run the way of Your commandments**,

For You will enlarge my heart. NASU

**Faithfulness is required by God.**

1 Cor 4:2 Moreover, it is [essentially] required of stewards that a man should be found faithful [proving himself worthy of trust]. AMP

**God protects the faithful.**

Ps 31:23 O love the Lord, all you His godly ones!

The Lord preserves [to watch over, to guard] the faithful. NASU

**Faithfulness brings us into greater intimacy with the LORD.**

Num 12:6-8 He said,

"Hear now My words:

If there is a prophet among you,

I, the LORD, shall make Myself known to him in a vision.

I shall speak with him in a dream.

7 "Not so, with My servant Moses,

He is **faithful** in all My household;

8 With him I speak mouth to mouth,

Even openly, and not in dark sayings,

And he beholds the form of the LORD." NASU

**The results of faithfulness will give you face to face encounters with God.**

**Because of one man’s faithfulness future generations are blessed by the LORD.**

Neh 9:7-8 "You are the LORD God, Who chose Abram And brought him out from Ur of the Chaldees, And gave him the name Abraham. 8 "You found his heart **faithful** before You, And made a covenant with him To give him the land of the Canaanite, Of the Hittite and the Amorite, Of the Perizzite, the Jebusite and the Girgashite —To give it to his descendants. And You have fulfilled Your promise, For You are righteous. NASU

**God gave the land to Abraham because he was faithful.**

**As you keep reading down through Nehemiah chapter eight there is a history lesson on how God’s people lost the land over and over and over again, through their unfaithfulness. But because God made a promise to one faithful man, the land was given back to God’s people, over and over again. As it is today.**

**You see having a faithful heart before God will not only bless your life, but the blessing will continue in the future generations. Future generations will come to know God because of your faithfulness. That is a kingdom principle.**

**Faithfulness is the pathway to promotion in this life and in the life hereafter.**

**The wisdom of wise leadership. (Nehemiah)**

Neh 7:1-2 Now when the wall was rebuilt and I had set up the doors, and the gatekeepers and the singers and the Levites were appointed, 2 then I put Hanani my brother, and Hananiah the commander of the fortress, in charge of Jerusalem, for he was a faithful man and feared God more than many. NASU

**Jesus taught on faithfulness.**

Matt 24:45-47 "Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time? 46 "Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes. 47 "Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions. NASU

Matt 25:14 For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them.

Matt 25:19-21 "Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 "The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.' 21 "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' NASU

**When this life ends, life doesn’t end. We continue to the battle of Armageddon, on to the millennia (where we will rule and reign with Jesus) and to eternity (as the bride of Christ).**

**The battle that is fought against the antichrist, his forces and the beast will be fought with Jesus Christ and His faithful followers.**

Rev 17:14 "These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful." NASU

1 Chron 15:16-24 Then David spoke to the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their relatives the singers, with instruments of music, harps, lyres, loud-sounding cymbals, to raise sounds of joy. 17 So the Levites appointed Heman [Hay-mawn] the son of Joel, and from his relatives, Asaph the son of Berechiah [beh-rek-yaw'-hoo]; and from the sons of Merari [Mer-raw-ree] their relatives, Ethan the son of Kushaiah [koo-shaw-yaw-hoo], 18 and with them their relatives of the second rank, Zechar[yaw-hoo]iah, Ben, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth [shim-ee-raw-moth], Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Bena[yaw-hoo]iah, Maase[yaw-hoo]iah, Mattith[yaw-hoo]iah, Eliphelehu [el-ee-fe-lay’-hoo], Mikneiah [mik-nay-yaw’-hoo], Obed-edom and **Jeiel**, the gatekeepers.

19 So the singers, Heman, Asaph and Ethan were appointed to sound aloud cymbals of bronze; 20 and Zechar[yaw-hoo]iah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maase[yaw-hoo]iah and Bena[yaw-hoo]iah, with harps tuned to alamoth; 21 and Mattith[yaw-hoo]iah, Eliphelehu, Mikne[yaw-hoo]iah, Obed-edom, **Jeiel** and Azaz[yaw-hoo]iah, to lead with lyres tuned to the sheminith. 22 Chenan[yaw-hoo]iah, chief of the Levites, was in charge of the singing; he gave instruction in singing because he was skillful.

23 Berech[yaw-hoo]iah and Elkanah were gatekeepers for the ark. 24 Sheban[yaw-hoo]iah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai, Zechar[yaw-hoo]iah, Bena[yaw-hoo]iah and Eliezer, the priests, blew the trumpets before the ark of God. Obed-edom and Jeh[yaw-hoo]iah also were gatekeepers for the ark. NASU

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**3. Berehiah - Blessed by Yahweh**

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**5. Eliezer - God of help**

**6. Jaaziel - Comforted by God, Made Bold by God**

**7. Eliab - God is Father**

**8. Mattihian - Gift of Yahweh**

**9. Zechariah – Yahweh has Remembered**

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**3. Ben - Son**

**4. Maasiah - Work for God**

**5. Amasai - Burdenbearer**

**6. Behaiah - Built by God**

**7. Mikneiah - Possession of God**

**8. Obed-Edom - Servant of Edom**

**(Edom, possibly a name of God)**

**9. Asaph - Collector (evangelist)**

**10. Elkanih - Whom God has acquired**

**11. Eliphelehu – My God Distinguishes Him,**

**My God Sets Him Apart**

**12. Shemiramoth – Name of High Places, Shrine**

**for illicit Worship [Eph 6:10-12]**

**13. Jeiel – Carried away by God, God Sweeps**

**Away**