

TITLE AND NUMBER: 191. Great is your faithfulness

REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): Lamentations 3:22-26

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, 'The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.' The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.



LOOKING FURTHER: Philippians 4:19; Psalm 46:1-7

What does this Bible passage tell us?

It is generally accepted that the book of Lamentations was written by Jeremiah the prophet. He had been told by God to warn the people that, because of their sin, Jerusalem would be ransacked, the Temple totally destroyed and the Babylonians would take the people into captivity for 70 years. This is not what anyone would want to hear. Jeremiah actually saw this happen and endured the pain with everyone else. As a result of this, he wrote five poems of lament; the five chapters of the book of Lamentations from which our passage comes today.

There is total despair at their situation with no hope on the horizon. Hopeless and helpless. BUT, even as Jeremiah reflects on the situation, he remembers God's compassion and faithfulness in the past and he declares that he can have hope as he puts his trust in God.

What was true in Jeremiah's time is true today: we do not throw our hands in the air with a glib, 'It will sort itself out.' But rather, 'The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him' (v25).

We have troubles and needs of our own, sometimes because of our own actions. However, we can be sure that God's compassion to us never fails, His goodness and love to us is new every morning. Great is His faithfulness.

How often, in times of difficulty, do we run around in a state of panic? This can often make things worse. Let's follow Jeremiah's advice as stated in verse 26: 'It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.' God is in control when we put our trust in Him.

Reflections:

- Are you in a situation where everything seems to be going wrong? God knows what you need and He knows best. Ask Him for guidance.
- Take time to be still and let the Holy Spirit speak to you.
- Share your thoughts with those you trust. Be blessed so you can be a blessing, too.

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS!

Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

