

Great is your faithfulness

Lamentations 3:25

If we are to live with confidence in this sin wrecked world we need to grasp this: Your God's faithfulness is 100% certain.

1. **God's faithfulness is certain**

- God's faithfulness resides in there being nothing false about him.
- He never breaks a promise, he is reliable, dependable, and always does what he promises to do.
- The Bible is full of examples of his faithfulness.

2. **God's faithfulness is great in its scope**

God is faithful in his pardoning

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, *he is faithful* and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

God is faithful in his protection

2 Thessalonians 3:3 But *the Lord is faithful*, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.

God is faithful in his provision

1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And *God is faithful*; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

God is faithful in his promises

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised *is faithful*.

God is faithful in his preserving

1 Corinthians 1:8-9 He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, *is faithful*.

3. **God is faithful even when it seems he isn't**

- Trouble doesn't mean that God isn't faithful. It means that he is at work.
- He is faithfully purifying us, pruning us, developing Christ-like qualities in us:
1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. ... The one who calls you is *faithful* and he will do it.

- There are qualities that we can never learn except in adversity – E.g. Patience, endurance, trust
- There are qualities that cannot be seen except in adversity.
- The hardest pressure is meant to bring us the biggest profit.

4. **God's faithfulness is to be clung to**

- Context of Lamentations - disaster has struck. Jeremiah clings
- Look for mercies each day
- The Cross makes his faithfulness all the more certain.

Grasping this truth will:

... keep us from worry - Job 5:19

... check our grumblings and complaints.

... increase our confidence in God - 1 Peter 4:19

... give us hope

... make our testimony shine brightly

“He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart” - Psalm 91:4