

November 4th – The Faithfulness of God

*“Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.”*  
(Lam. 3:22-23)

One of the great hymns of the Christian faith is *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*. I bet you’ve sung the beautiful words before:

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God My Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee,  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.  
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!*

While you may be familiar with the song, I wonder if you know its origin. The prophet Jeremiah ministered to the southern kingdom of Judah when they were overthrown by the Babylonians in 586 B.C. The overthrow of Judah was a punishment for the many sins they had committed – worshiping idols, sacrificing to false gods, refusing to listen to God’s prophet, etc. Jeremiah had to watch his city be overtaken by pagan people who burned it to the ground while forcing its inhabitants into slavery.

Knowing that context, we have a greater appreciation for Jeremiah’s words. Get this – He praised the faithfulness of God while his homeland was being burned to the ground! Wow! Most Christians will give glory to God when things are going well, but when things turn south it takes a true child of God to praise the Lord in the midst of the storm. Understand this – no matter what is happening in your life, God is faithful and He will see you through everything that comes your way!