



## **When Your World is a Wreck**

**Zechariah 2:1-13**

I would not be surprised if many of us would place “Great is Thy Faithfulness” among our top three hymns. Would that be true of you? I revisited the lyrics online this week.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!*

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided—  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

**That’s** just the chorus! The verses celebrate God’s faithfulness in His compassion to us, the

ordering of creation, His pardon, peace, Presence, and guidance.

**As** I browsed these words online, I noticed something unexpected—user-submitted testimonies from around the world:

- An unemployed person in Australia.
- A man in South Africa with a wife battling breast cancer and a son recovering from a stroke.
- David from Nigeria, shouting about God's faithfulness amid deep economic hardship.

All witnessing to the same truth:

**When your world is a wreck, God's faithfulness is your rock!**

**This** is what they discovered—and what we see in **Zechariah 2**. The people of God, freshly returned from exile, were discouraged and disoriented. Their world was a wreck. But God speaks a word of hope grounded in His faithfulness. It's what they needed and what we need.

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Let's look at how God's faithfulness is displayed here:

### **God has been faithful [Verses 1-5].**

God reminds them of what He's already done. Consider their situation:

- The temple rebuilding had been stalled for 15+ years.
- Their restoration felt half-finished and fragile.
- They were sluggish spiritually. Their world was a wreck!

But through the vision Zechariah shares, God says:

“And I will be to her a wall of fire all around, declares the LORD, and I will be the glory in her midst.” Zechariah 2:5

- This would recall the Exodus—God's **protective fire** and **abiding Presence**.
- Let God's past faithfulness strengthen your today and brighten your tomorrow! Like the hymn says:

*“Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow...”*

## **God is faithful [Verses 6-11].**

These verses carry a summons to return, not just physically, but also spiritually. Why return?

- Because God is reversing their losses and defeating their enemies (verses 8-9).
- Because the LORD Himself will dwell with them (verse 10)!
- And most amazingly: “The LORD of Hosts has sent Me”—and the speaker is also the LORD!

This is a powerful preview of the Incarnation: Jesus, the Son, sent by the Father, to dwell among us!

*“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us...”*  
(John 1:14)

- Jesus is the **proof** of God’s faithfulness.
- Jesus is *“Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.”*

## **God will be faithful [Verse 11].**

This promise reaches beyond their immediate moment!

- *Many nations will join themselves to the LORD...*- fulfilled at Pentecost and expanding ever since!
- God's abiding presence through His Spirit continues and will culminate in Christ's return: "At the name of Jesus every knee will bow..." (Phil. 2:10)

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*God has been faithful. God is faithful. God will be faithful. His faithfulness is greater than your fears! Respond according to Verse 13!*