

God's New Mercies

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Are you thankful for God's New Mercies upon your life?

Situation: In Lamentations we find that the prophet Jeremiah is weeping and grieving the destruction of Jerusalem. It grieved him to see what became of the city knowing that it could have been avoided. How many times did God send a warning and the people did not hear? But Jeremiah remembered God's promises regarding His people and he began to declare, "Great is God's Faithfulness".

Observation: Just like the people who lived in Jerusalem, we here in the US and around the World have been given a warning to turn back to God, to repent and give our heart to God, to surrender to God's will and His way. But just like the people in Jerusalem, we have not listened. On a personal note, are you following God's word and His plan for your life?

Inspiration: God is faithful and just to forgive us of all our sins, we just need to turn back to Him. Jeremiah declared that it was because of God's mercies that we were not consumed. God could have wiped us out a long time ago, but He chose to forgive and have mercy on us even when we did not deserve it.

Application: Take the time read the entire 3rd chapter of Lamentations. Then evaluate your own life to make sure you are following God's word and His Plan for your life. Remember God's mercies are new every morning, so what you did yesterday is your past. Ask God to forgive you and study the exploration scriptures below. Find a good Bible Study to attend outside of work and learn of God's word. And you will be able to declare like Jeremiah, "Great is God's Faithfulness".



Lamentations 3:22-23 "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. (KJV)

Mercy Definition:
compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm.
----- *"The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

Exploration:

Repent

- 1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- Romans 6:23 ²³ For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 2 Chronicles 7:14 - If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Fruit of the Spirit

- Galatians 5:22-23 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³ Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

God's Plan

- Jeremiah 29:11 - For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Faithfulness

- Psalm 36:5 - Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.
- Psalm 40:10 - I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.
- Psalm 89:1-2 - I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations. ² For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.
- Psalm 92:2 - I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.
- Psalm 119:90 - Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.