

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF ERIE

SERMON OUTLINE

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“THE APPRECIATING GOD OUR FATHER FOR HIS GREAT FAITHFULNESS ”

Lamentations 3:21-23

I have been doing a topical series of messages on – APPRECIATING GOD OUR FATHER. We have looked at the GOODNESS OF GOD, THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD AND THE WISDOM OF GOD. I have been on a vacation break and now I want to continue that series, as we look at THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD this Morning.

An elderly man was crying uncontrollably as he sat on a park bench one day. A sympathetic lady just happened to walk by and stopped to talk to him. “What’s the matter?”

Most of the time we focus too much on what we consider to be sad circumstances in our lives instead of focusing on the Lord where our home is, and our hearts should be!

Hear me this morning: If you are a Christian, you are adopted by a Father who will never ever change His mind in regard to you, never write you off, never leave you or forsake you.

The book of Lamentations only has five chapters, but in the midst of chapter 3 are these verses which are almost the middle of the book,

Jeremiah pens words of God’s faithfulness. Remember His love encompassing us, and His power reveals itself in the middle of our chaos.

I. GOD IS FAITHFUL TO HIS PROMISES

Joshua 21:45 tells us, “Not a word failed of any good thing which the LORD had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.” Here’s a second truth we love: *Because He is faithful...*

II. GOD IS FAITHFUL IN HIS PRESENCE

In Joshua chapter 1 we have the death of God’s man Moses, but though Moses was dead God was not and His presence would be with them.

His attachment to you is so strong that you are bound to Him. The author of Hebrews reiterates this in *Hebrews 13:5-6*. What God is saying to Joshua and I believe to us as well, “Regardless of what you are going through, regardless of your circumstances, I’m not going to take My eye off you, I’ve bound you to Me, and every step of your life, I’ll be there”.

Praise be unto our Glorious God who is always faithful in His Promises and In His Presence, but also . . .

III. GOD IS FAITHFUL IN HIS PRECEPTS (HIS WORD)

God told Joshua in chap. 1, v-7. God has not changed, if He expected Joshua to be diligent in His law, He expects us to be diligent as well. God told Joshua to not turn from the right or the left regarding His word, to not let it depart from out of his mouth. Think about some great examples of God's Faithfulness that we find in the Bible.

1. Remember David before the giant Goliath?
2. Remember the three Hebrews boys: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego?
3. Remember Daniel in the lions’ den?

In the midst of all Job’s trials, He looked up! HE **FOCUSED ON HIS FAITHFUL GOD!** He said, “ And he said: “*Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD.*” (*Job 1:21*)

And even in the midst of His trials Jesus continued to focus on the Father and the joy of heaven! *Heb. 12:2*. God is faithful! We must look to Him and trust and obey Him in order to run the race and win!