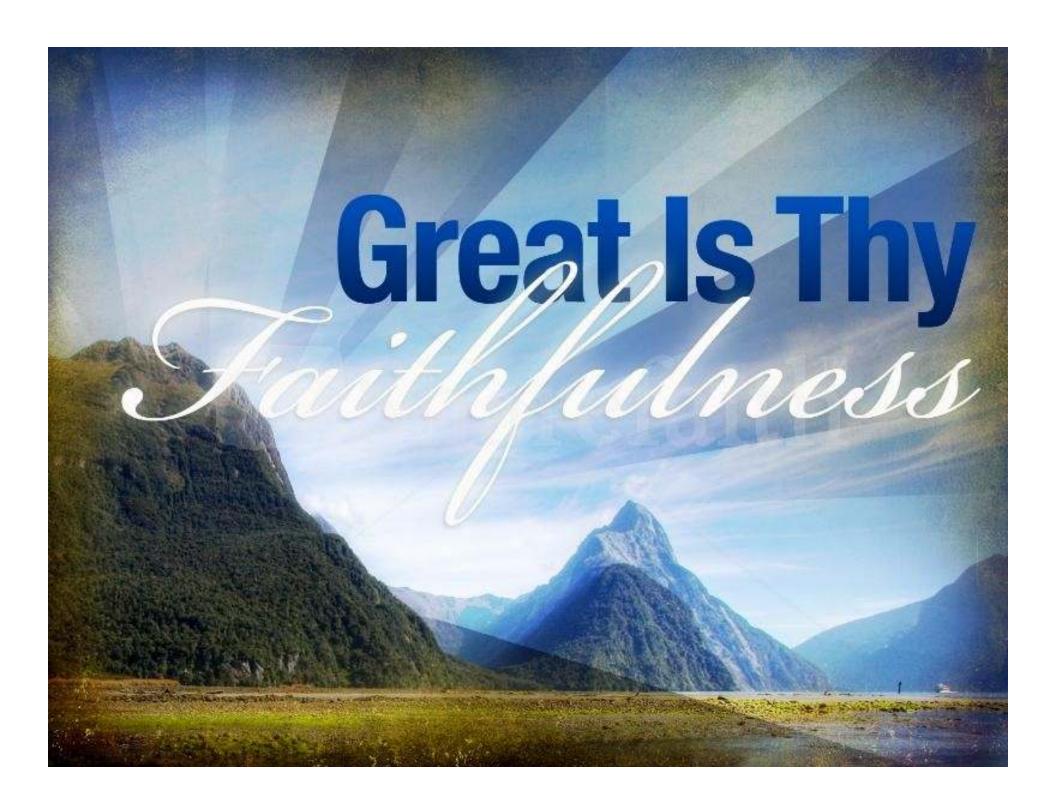
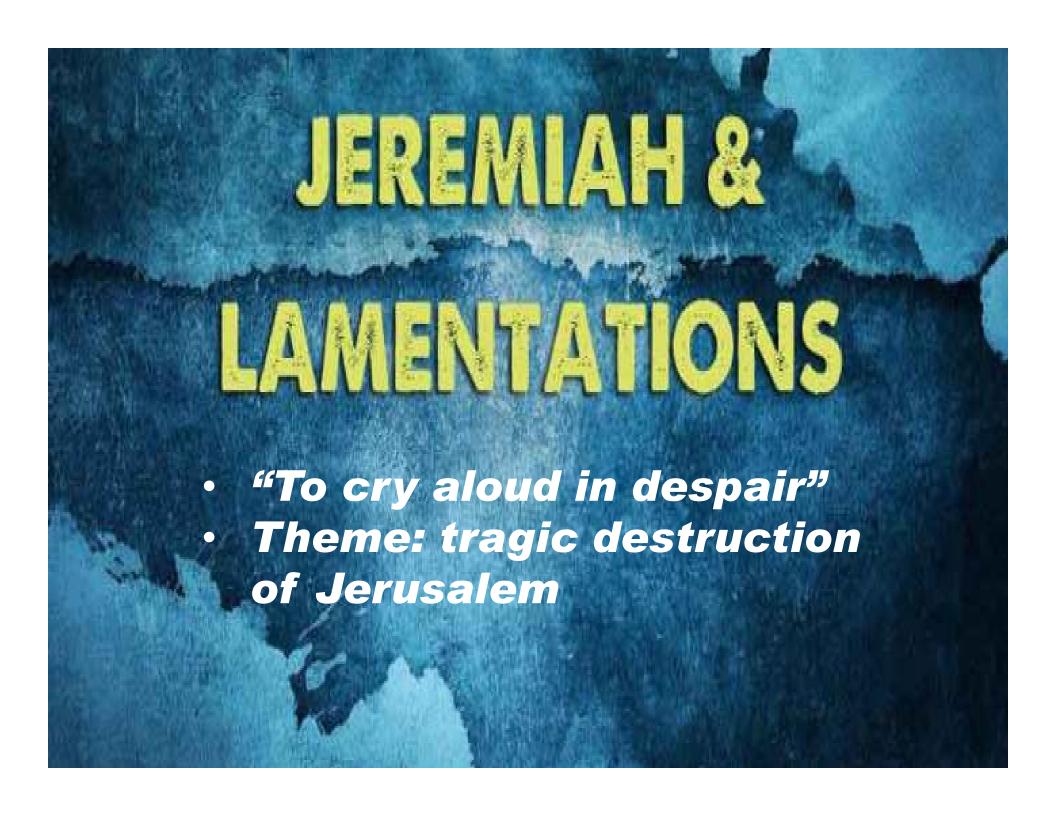
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FOR TROUBLED TIMES





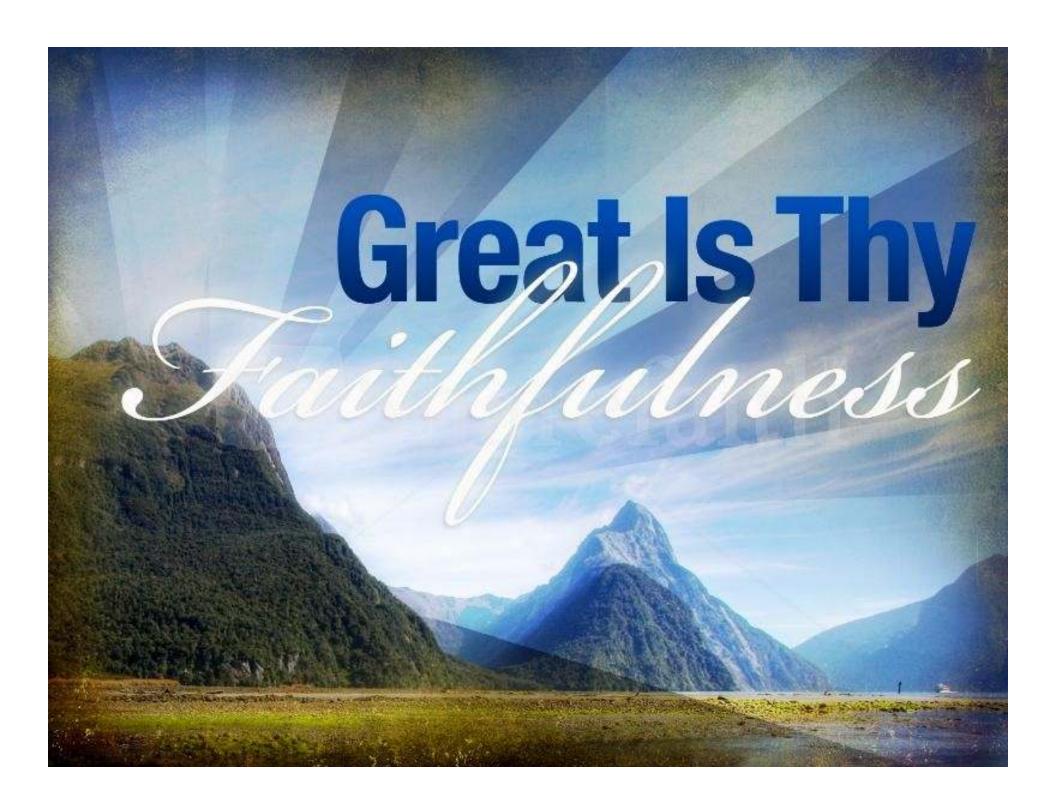












- "No man will find peace until he anchors his soul in something that does not change" (Paul Earnhart)
- Our hope in midst of hopelessness
- Light when all around is darkness
- Reason for living when we would rather give up
- Bad as things are, if it weren't for God things would be much worse
- Stress, health problems, depleted finances, desperately wishing never married, children who grieve soul, death of a loved one

A. Promises











while the earth remains seedtime & harvest, cold & heat

GENESIS 8:22 and summer awinter, and day a night shall not cease

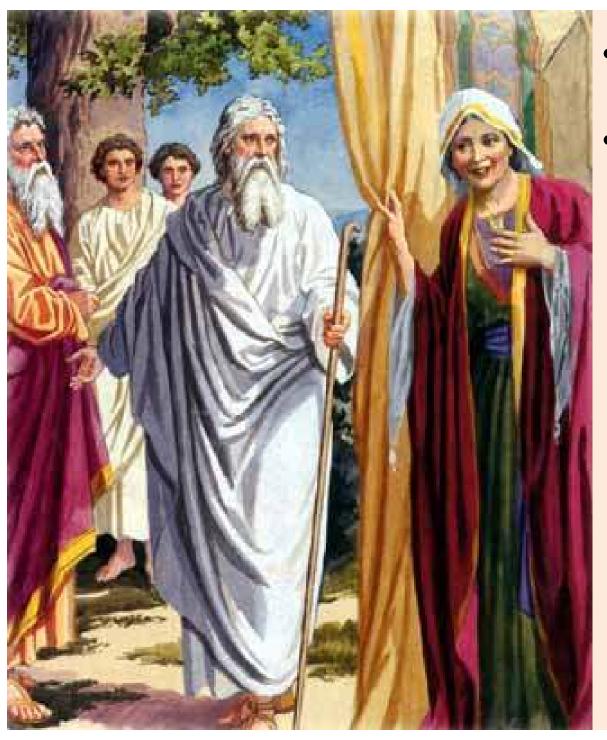












- Hebrews 11:11
- By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.

- Deuteronomy 7:9
- "Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;
- 1 Kings 8:56
- "Blessed be the Lord, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised through His servant Moses.

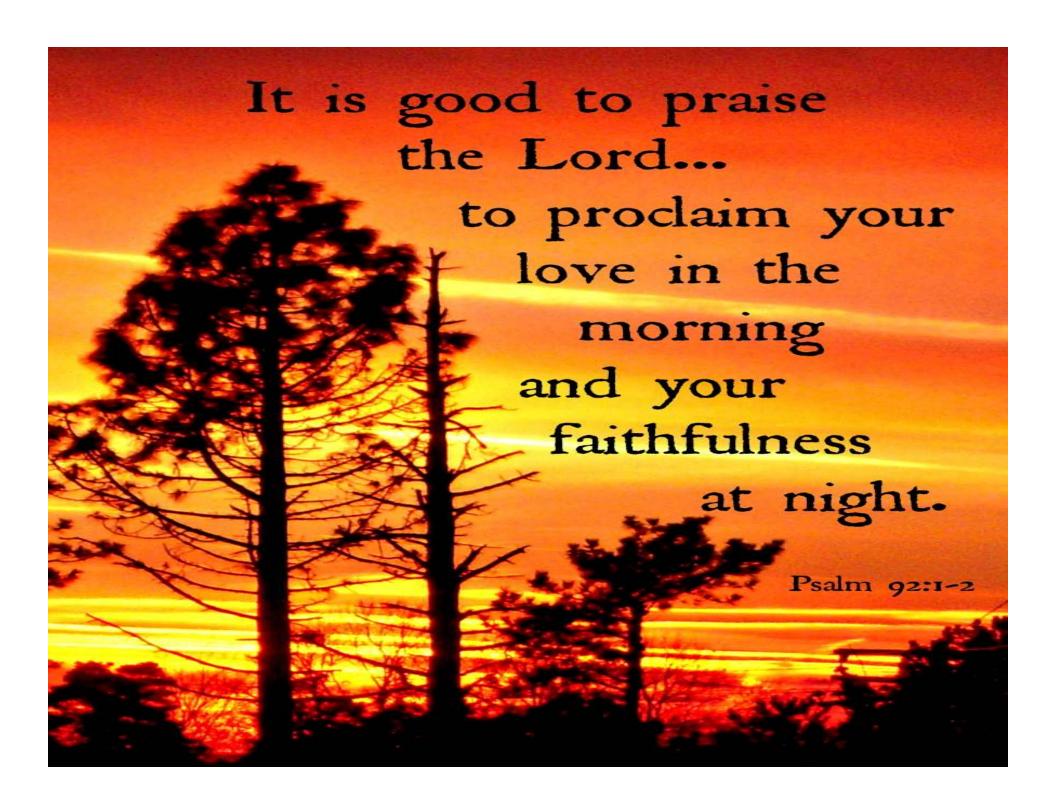
- A. Promises
- B. Psalms



"Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth."

Psalms 119:90 (KJV)

• (Psalms 40:10-11 NKJV) "I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth From the great assembly.



Psalm 89:1-2

Maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

I will sing of the lovingkindness of the LORD forever;

To all generations I will make known Your faithfulness with my mouth.

² For I have said, "Lovingkindness will be built up forever;

In the heavens You will establish Your faithfulness." (89:5, 8, 24, 33)

- A. Promises
- B. Psalms
- C. Prophecies

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, and His Holy One, to Him whom man despises, to Him whom the nation abhors, to a Servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD who is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and He has chosen You. Isaiah 49:7

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³⁴ And they will not need to teach their neighbors, nor will they need to teach their relatives, saying, 'You should know the LORD.' For everyone, from the least to the greatest, will know me already," says the LORD. "And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins."

- A. Promises
- B. Psalms
- C. Prophecies

II. IN THE PRESENT

A. Punishment

PSALM 119:75 "I know, O Lord, that Your judgments are right, And that in faithfulness You have afflicted me."

- Hebrews 12:6
- For whom the Lord loves He chastens,
- Hebrews 12:10-11
- 10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness.
- 11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

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II. IN THE PRESENT

- A. Punishment
- B. Pardon



- Don't have to live under dark cloud of defeat
- Some have hard time forgiving themselves
- Dark pages in diary of past sinful life & when pages flash into their minds, hate themselves
- Ask God to forgive but keep looking over shoulder to see if really gone
- "I'll forgive you of those 9 things but this one thing you've done – it's too terrible – I couldn't ever forgive you of that sin"
- Sure God forgives? He is faithful

Micah 7:18-19

- 18 Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance?
- You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.
- 19 You will again have compassion on us;
- you will tread our sins underfoot
- and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.



Their sins and their lawless deeds

I WILL REMEMBER

MORE
Hebrews 10:17



II. IN THE PRESENT

- A. Punishment
- **B.** Pardon
- C. Preservation
 - 1. Prayer

- Psalm 143:1
- · Hear my prayer, O Lord,
- Give ear to my supplications!
- · In Your faithfulness answer me,
- · And in Your righteousness.
- Hebrews 2:17
- Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

- · 1 Peter 3:12
- For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
- And His ears are open to their prayers;
- But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

II. IN THE PRESENT

- A. Punishment
- **B.** Pardon
- C. Preservation
 - 1. Prayer
 - 2. Temptation

1 Corinthians 10:13

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No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

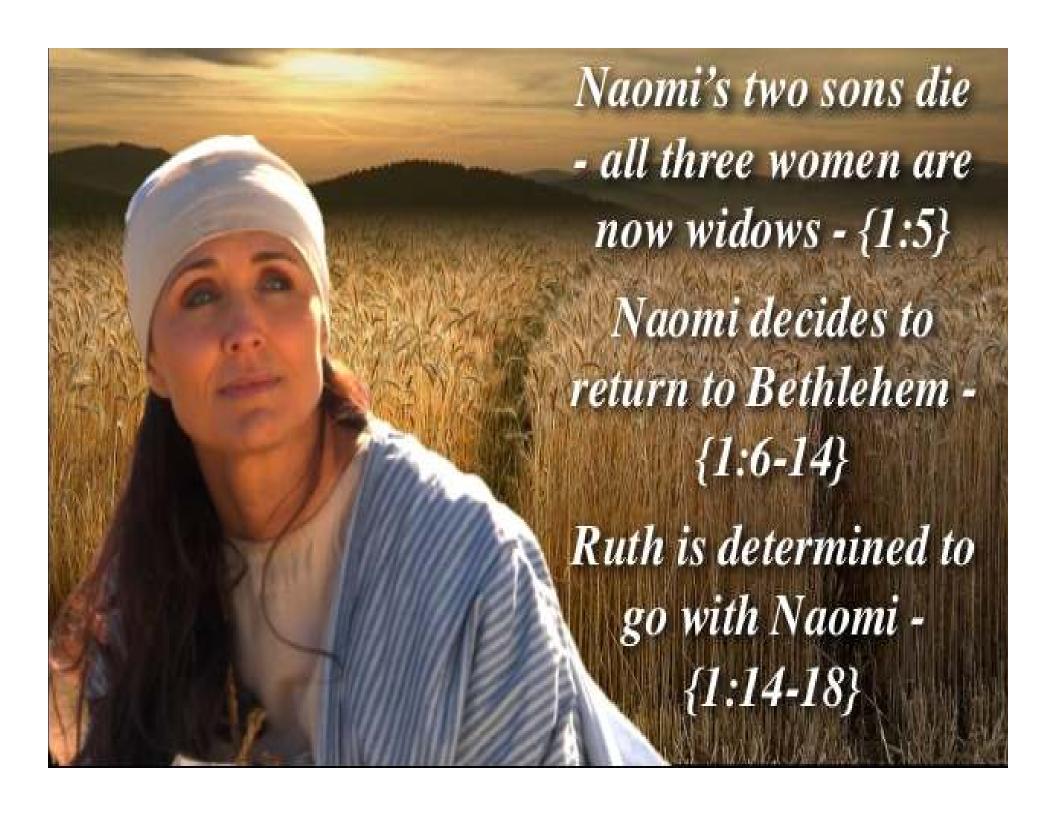
- Ek (out) + basis (to go)
- Narrow mountain pass through which a trapped army could escape an impossible situation



II. IN THE PRESENT

- A. Punishment
- **B.** Pardon
- C. Preservation
 - 1. Prayer
 - 2. Temptation
 - 3. Suffering





Ruth 1:6

Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in Moab how the Lord had visited His people in giving them food.



Ruth 1:20 "Don't call me Naomi. Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter. ²¹ I went away full, but the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi? The LORD has afflicted me; the Almighty has brought misfortune

And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it.

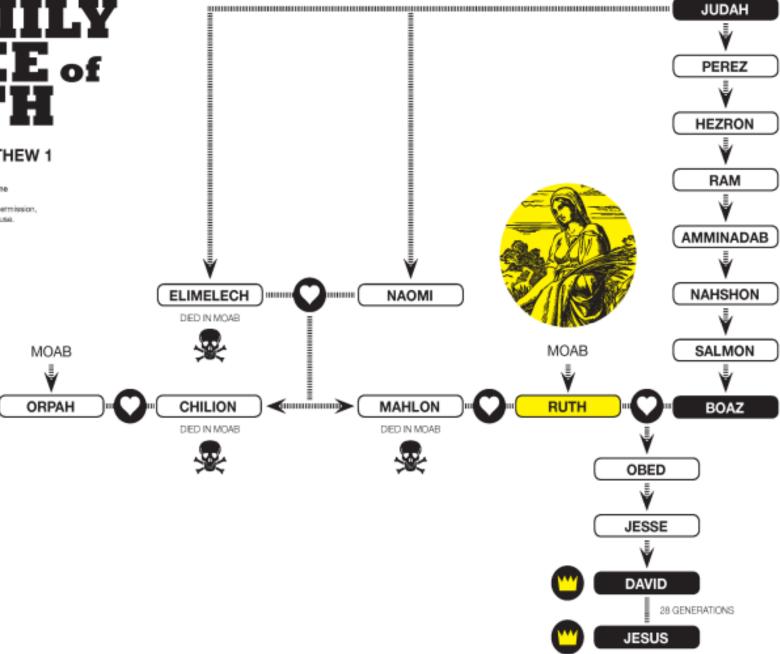
- Ruth 4:16

FAMILY TREE of RUTH

RUTH 4 & MATTHEW 1

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- 1 Peter 4:19
- Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.
- Luke 23:46
- And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit." Having said this, He breathed His last.

III. IN PROSPECT

A. The Piety (Sanctification)

- Romans 6:22
- But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24
- 23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 24 He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

- 2 Thessalonians 3:3
- But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one.
- 1 Corinthians 1:8
- 8 who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 2 Timothy 2:13
- If we are faithless,
- He remains faithful;
- He cannot deny Himself.

III. IN PROSPECT

- A. The Piety
- **B.** The Protection

- 1 Corinthians 1:9
- God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Security of the believer
- If remain faithful, faithful God will help us reach the goal He desires for us
- Philippians 1:6
- being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;









- "I think I can drive the chariot all right, Cecil, but I'm not at all sure I can actually win the race"
- "Heston, you just stay in the race & I'll make sure you win"

- 1 John 1:7, 9
- 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.
- 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

III. IN PROSPECT

- A. The Piety
- **B.** The Protection
- C. The Promise

- Titus 1:2
- in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,
- Hebrews 10:23
- Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.
- · Hebrews 13:5
- · ...For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Look within: Failure

· Look around: Frustration & Fear

Look up: Faithfulness

- ²² ¹The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; ^{[2} ¹his mercies never come to an end;
- they are new ^m every morning;
 ⁿ great is your faithfulness.
- 24 ° "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, k "therefore I will hope in him."
- ²⁵ The LORD is good to those who ^p wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.
- ²⁶ ^q It is good that one should wait quietly

2 Peter 3:13-14

[13] But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells. [14] Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless, Jude 24,25

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Savior, Lord Jesus Christ be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.