

# GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS (LAMENTATIONS 2-3) FEB 8 2026



The book of Lamentations comes from the ashes of Jerusalem's destruction in 586 BC, now chapters 2-3 move into the individual's battle against darkness

God's faithfulness shines most brightly in catastrophe, not comfort

The song Great is Thy Faithfulness was written by Thomas Chisholm in 1923 as a testament to God's faithful provision during prolonged illness, not dramatic healing

## **1. God's Judgement is Real and Righteous (Lamentations 2)**

- God's faithfulness does not negate His holiness (righteous)
- God's faithfulness demands fulfilled prophecy
- Sinful disobedience reveals God's obedience to holiness. His love can never neglect His holiness

## **2. God's Mercy is new every morning (Lamentations 3:1-30)**

- Suffering is personal and goes deep
- It is mercy (hesed), before grace, that prevents our own demise. Grace gives life once we act on His mercy and then we experience His full steadfast love.
- Each morning is a testament of God's faithfulness
- As sure as the sun will rise in the morning, so is the surety of God's presence and power: HOPE
- Hope is not found in circumstances, but rather in God's character; circumstances change, but our God's character NEVER changes

## **3. God's faithfulness (emunah) calls believers to repentance and patience: FOLLOW ME (Lamentations 3:31-66)**

- God cannot give hope to those who do not turn from sin and follow Him
- God's desire is to give compassion, not condemnation
- God's faithfulness invites our active response of repentance and patient trust in Him
- God takes up our cause and turns our fear into faith because of His faithfulness

Our YES is **always** and **only** found in **JESUS**

1. What does Lamentations 2 teach us about the seriousness of sin and God's holiness? Read Romans 6:23 and Hebrews 10:31. How do these passages communicate God's holiness versus man's sin? Are there areas in your life that you minimize sin rather than mourn sin?
2. How can we hold together God's judgment and God's faithfulness without contradiction? Read Psalm 89:14 and Romans 3:25-26. How does the way we have experienced human judgment affect our interpretation of God's judgment?
3. Why does Jeremiah recall God's mercies in the middle of suffering rather than after it ends? Read Psalm 42:5 and 2 Corinthians 1:3-5. How do these passages support Jeremiah's explanation of God's faithfulness sustaining us in trials?
4. What does it mean for the Lord to be "my portion" (Lamentations 3:24)? How do Psalm 73:25-26 and Philippians 3:8 support this truth? What are some things that you trust for security, other than God?
5. How does waiting quietly for the Lord (Lamentations 3:26) challenge our modern expectations? Rather than waiting quietly, what are some words to describe your reaction to suffering? How do Isaiah 40:32 and Hebrews 6:12 support waiting quietly? What are some areas that you need to slow down and trust rather than try to control?
6. Why does Lamentations 3 call for self-examination before restoration? Read Psalm 139:23-24 and 1 Corinthians 11:28. Is there an area in your life where Holy Spirit is calling you to repent?
7. How does God's faithfulness in Lamentations ultimately point us to Christ? How do Matthew 27:46 and 2 Corinthians 1:20 provide guidance? How does the cross redefine your interpretation of suffering?
8. Read Deuteronomy 28:15, 49-52; Isaiah 1:24-28; Habakkuk 1:12-13; Hebrews 12:6-11; Romans 11:22; Psalm 36:5; 103:8-14; Isaiah 33:2; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; Titus 3:5; James 1:17; Psalm 30:5; Hosea 6:1-3; Micah 7:7-9; Romans 8:18; Hebrews 10:23; 1 Peter 5:10. How do these passages relate to the truths in Lamentations 2-3?

February: **Lamentations/Obadiah - Hope in Sorrow**

Memory Verse: Lamentations 3:22-23

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Date	Sermon Text	1	2	3	4	5	6
Feb. 1	Lam. 1	Lam. 1:1-4	Lam. 1:5-8	Lam. 1:9-12	Lam. 1:13-16	Lam. 1:17-20	Lam. 1:21-22
Feb. 8	Lam. 2-3	Lam. 2:1-7	Lam. 2:8-15	Lam. 2:16-22	Lam. 3:1-22	Lam. 3:23-44	Lam. 3:45-66
Feb. 15	Lam. 4-5	Lam. 4:1-7	Lam. 4:8-15	Lam. 4:16-22	Lam. 5:1-7	Lam. 5:8-15	Lam. 5:16-22
Feb. 22	Obadiah	Ob. 1-4	Ob. 5-8	Ob. 9-12	Ob. 13-15	Ob. 16-18	Ob. 19-21