

New Every Morning (Lam 3:21-24)

Are you a morning person? What does the morning hour sound like to you? Does it sound like birds chirping, alarm clocks ringing and weather reports blaring? What does the morning smell like? Coffee, bacon, and eggs?

We have a song that describes the early morning hours entitled, “The Steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, they are new every morning.”

We usually sing this song with joy and happiness, but the passage from which those words were written is not during a time of joy or happiness. It was written during a time of great sorrow and depression. The passage is found in Lamentations 3:21-24.

The reason why the book is called Lamentations is because Jeremiah is weeping. He is weeping over the destruction of Jerusalem. He is weeping over the unimaginable slaughter of his people. He is weeping because the Israelites rejected God and Jeremiah’s heart is broken. In this carefully constructed poem, is a dark storm, but despite the overwhelming sense of hopelessness and despair, Jeremiah finds a rainbow.

Let’s consider some reasons why we, like Jeremiah, can believe that God’s mercies are new.

I. His Mercies are new every Morning because God is Present:

Even though Jeremiah is in emotional pain, notice what he does in verse 21, “But this I call to mind.” He says, “I’m going to put something in my mind despite the grief I am feeling.”

Verse 23, “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.” Jeremiah says, “The steadfast love of the Lord never ends and God’s faithfulness never stops.”

Jeremiah reminds himself, “I need to live one day at a time.” God’s mercies are new every morning. He is with us every day.

II. God’s Mercies are new every morning because of God’s blessings:

Vs 22, “It is by the LORD's kindnesses that we are not destroyed, because His mercies never fail.”

Although Jeremiah is not happy about God’s judgment, he recognizes that it could have been a lot worse. He says, “I am blessed because God is kind and I’m still alive.”

We are blessed physically (Gen 8:22, Acts 14:17). God promises that whatever needs we have for the day, God will meet those needs, like He feeds the birds and clothes the flowers! (Matt 6:28)

We also have Spiritual blessings:

Gal 3:14, “That the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”

Eph 1:3, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.”

Since God’s blessings continue, His mercy is new every morning both physically and spiritually.

III. God’s Mercies are new every morning because God forgives:

In verse 22 Jerimiah says, “God’s mercies never come to an end.”

One of the great blessings that comes from being a Christian is that we can start with a clean slate every day.

2 Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

Also, Romans 6:4 “Therefore we were buried with Him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father; even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

Even though we may have to live with the consequences of some of our past choices, we don’t have to live with guilt. In Christ we can start fresh because Jesus continues to wash away our sins.

IV. God’s Mercies are new every morning because God’s promises are true:

In verse 23 Jerimiah says, “Great is thy faithfulness.”

Titus 1:2 tells us that Paul served God, “on the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before the world began.”

2 Corinthians 1:18-20 says that God is faithful. “For all the promises of God in Christ are Yes, and in Him. Amen.”

Jesus was resurrected in the morning. His resurrection is a promise that one day we will also be resurrected (Rom 8:11).

Close:

If you are going through sorrow, heartache, and worry, let this sad book of Lamentations lift up your spirit. God’s mercies are new every morning because God is with us. God’s blessings continue. The old things have passed away and God’s promises are certain.