

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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Text: 1 *Thess* 5:24

- I. **Lam 3:18-31**- Our hope is based solely on God and His love and faithfulness
 - A) **Gen 11:30**- Sarai (wife) was barren
 - 1) **Heb 11:11**- By faith Sarah conceived
 - i. This is proof of the fact that faith is a gift and not something from within us, otherwise she could have conceived of her own power
 - B) **Jer 31:3**- I loved you and therefore have drawn you
 - 1) It is an amazing fact how that a woman reacts to being loved
 - i. Consider Hosea and Gomer (**Hos 2:20**)
 - 2) **Isa 49:16**- Engraved on the palms of God's hand
 - 3) **John 6:44**- Father must draw us to Him
 - i. **1 John 4:19**- We love Him because He first loved us, but we must be shown the depth of that love, as Gomer was
 - ii. **Gal 5:6**- Faith worketh by love
- II. **1 Thess 5:23-24**- Prayer of sanctification
 - A) This is not a prayer of doubtful affirmation, where Paul was hoping that something might perhaps be done, it was a prayer of getting the mind in line with the will of God which will be performed, as all prayer is.
 - 1) Faithful = "trustworthy" (translated as "truth" and "truly")
 - i. Arabic Bible reads- "and will execute His promise"
 - B) **Gal 3:1-4**- We tend to think we are responsible for both sanctification and preservation
 - 1) **1 Cor 1:30**- All we are is by and through and in HIM
 - i. **1 Pet 1:5**- Kept by the power of God
 - ii. **1 Tim 1:11-16**- Paul "counted" faithful
 - a) Counted is in the middle voice [subject (God)acting for self]
 - b) Counted- *hageomi*- to lead, govern, rule, command
 - C) **2 Tim 2:13**- God must remain faithful (as in Hosea)
 - 1) **Tit 1:9**- His word is faithful
 - 2) **Heb 2:17**- Christ a faithful High Priest
 - 3) **Heb 10:23**- He is faithful that promised
 - i. "Till death do us part" is the pledge of God in marriage, and He has already died and will never do so again, therefore the faithfulness of God under the New Covenant is a surety!
- III. **2 Thess 3:1-5**- Certainty of sanctification
 - A) **Deut 7:9**- God is faithful
 - 1) **Num 23:19**- Has God said it and then won't do it?

- 2) **1 Kings 8:56**- Not one word of God has failed
 - i. **Heb 4:12**- God's word is powerful
 - a) Powerful- *energace*- translated as "effectual" in other verses
 1. Effectual- Webster's 1828, "Producing an effect, or the effect desired or intended; or having adequate power or force to produce the effect. The means employed were *effectual*"
 - (a) Great difference in "affective" and "effective." Grammatical guide says, "when deciding whether to use affective of effective, ask yourself 'did the job get done?' It may not have been pretty, but if it did get done it was effective.
 - (b) Affective- "that which affects or excites emotion"
 - (1) As to "affective" it says, "don't use this word unless you are in the field of psychology"
 - ii. **Isa 55:10-11**- His word will no return void or unfulfilled, it will accomplish what He wills
 - a) **Rom 7:5**- Law effectual in death 100% of time
 - b) **Gal 2:8**- Effective call on Simon Peter
 1. Great example of the "effectual call" which changed Simon into Peter
 - (a) Paul says here it was the same with him, from Saul to Paul
 - c) **Gal 5:6**- Faith effectual by love
 - d) **Eph 1:11**- God effectual according to His will
 - e) **Eph 1:19-20**- His power shown effectual in Christ
 - f) **Eph 3:7**- Paul enabled by effectual power of God
 - g) **Eph 3:20**- Same power effectual in us
 - h) **Phil 2:13**- God effectual in us (**Phil 1:6** says He will complete work)
 - i) **Phil 3:20-21**- Resurrection assured by effectual power of God
 - j) **Col 1:29**- Paul's ministry due to effectual power of God
 - k) **Col 2:12**- We are risen by faith in His effectual power
 - l) **1 Thess 2:13**- Effectual power working in the believers obvious
 - m) **2 Thess 2:11**- Effectual power of God on unbelievers
- B) **Rom 11:29**- God's gifts and calling without repentance
 - 1) **1 Cor 1:4-9**- God is faithful Who called you
 - 2) **1 Pet 1:2**- Sanctified unto obedience
 - 3) **John 17:17**- Sanctified by His word
 - 4) **Eph 5:26**- Sanctification is ongoing by His word
 - 5) **Rom 8:29-30**- That which He has willed before the world was will certainly come to pass
 - 6) **John 5:24**- Believers are passed from death to life
 - i. Shall the Father bring a child into the spiritual world and then not raise it and provide for it, discipline it, educate it, and prepare it for adulthood?
 - 7) **1 Pet 5:10**- "will make you" (imperative mood = established fact)

C) To the Thessalonians (and so us also if we believe) we have the promises:

1) 1 Thess 1:4

2) 1 Thess 2:12

3) 1 Thess 5:9

4) 1 Thess 5:23-24