

the scriptures.

Perhaps the saddest thing of all is that “all the disciples forsook him, and fled.”

Jesus’ purpose for coming is predicted in Isaiah 53. *“Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He hath put Him to grief: when Thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed ... He shall see of the travail of His soul and shall be satisfied: by His knowledge shall My righteous servant justify many for He shall bear their iniquities”* (vss. 10-11).

God’s goodness is indescribable, His mercy unfathomable, His grace incomprehensible. He gave His Son and His Son gave His life. *“But all this was done that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled”* (Matt. 26:56).

Think some today about the noble sacrifice Jesus made on your behalf. It will do you good. **Dee Bowman**

Notes and reminders:

Let us be praying for our Bible study classes and all efforts to learn more of God’s word.

Also, continue prayers for those on our list, for those in authority, and for the free course of the gospel and obedient hearers.

*“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”*  
1 John 5:14

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Hebrew 10:23—25 “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as is the manner of some.” But, exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

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# Glad Tidings

Romans 10:15

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## Great Is Your Faithfulness

Lamentations 3:19-26

Scripture by Andy Socha

Jeremiah spoke of God’s mercy and compassion being new every morning. He praised God for His faithfulness, despite the sad conditions that existed around him. In this lesson, we are going to notice what Jeremiah said about the faithfulness of God. This should encourage us to put our (or keep our trust) in Him.

### We Will Suffer in Life

- Jeremiah called attention to his suffering (v. 19) – he had already mentioned his affliction (v. 1), physical ailments (v. 4), unanswered prayers (v. 8), mockery (v. 14), and depression (v. 17); Jeremiah dwelled on these things (v. 20).

*“Great is thy faithfulness, Oh God my father. There is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not. As thou has been thou forever wilt be.” Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!”*

*Thomas O. Chisholm (1923)*

- Jeremiah was not the only one in the Bible to face depression – Elijah (1 Kings 19:4); Job (Job 10:1).

We will suffer in this life (Job 14:1) – we must cast our anxieties on the Lord (1 Peter 5:7); in addition to the suffering common to all, we will suffer as Christians (1 Peter 4:12, 16); but even when we face depressing circumstances, we have *hope*.

### Yet We Have Hope

- Despite everything Jeremiah faced, he was able to recall something that gave him hope (v. 21) – he may have still felt depressed, but he had hope because of God’s mercy and compassion.
- Hope is essential if we are to endure the hardships of life – hope saves us (Romans 8:24); it gets us through the difficulties we face (Romans 8:25).
- We cannot compare our difficulties with Jeremiah’s (or anyone else), though we often want to do this – everyone’s circumstances are different, and everyone faces hardships differently; but we have an advantage over Jeremiah (Hebrews 11:39–40); we can see that God’s plan has been carried out in Christ.

### How Can We Have Hope?

- God is merciful (v. 22) – God will punish the disobedient (Romans 6:23), but He has not done so yet (2 Peter 3:9); every new day is an example of God’s mercy; we must not take it for granted (2 Peter 3:10; cf. Romans 2:4–6).
- God is faithful (v. 23) – this is the idea of stability; God will not forsake us (Hebrews 13:5–6); He will not allow us to be in a situation we cannot handle (1 Corinthians 10:13); it may be difficult, but it will be bearable.
- God is our portion (v. 24) – David made the same point (Psalm 119:57); this means an *allotment* or the *share of an inheritance*; God offers us an inheritance (1 Peter 1:4) that is better than anything in this world (Matthew 16:26).
- God is good (v. 25) – every good thing is from Him (James 1:17); plus, He rewards those who seek Him (Hebrews 11:6); however, not everyone will receive His goodness (Romans 11:22); we must obey Him (Hebrews 5:9).

### We Must Wait Silently for Salvation

- Remember, God is our portion (v. 24) – our inheritance; we must *wait* for it;

we need *patience* to receive His promises (Hebrews 6:12).

- Do not fall away – remain faithful until death (Revelation 2:10).

### Conclusion

- Like Jeremiah, we may face lamentable conditions – yet despite our suffering, we have hope.

Do not forget God’s goodness – let us follow Him and patiently wait for the eternal reward of heaven.

**From: Plain Bible Teaching, by Andy Sochor**



The story of Jesus is the most pensive and poignant story of all time. It is filled with pity and pathos, joy and sadness, defeat and victory. In it is the joy of our salvation, the assurance of our victory, the hope of our souls.

The story here is sad, because Judas comes and betrays the Lord by, of all things, a kiss. Jesus is led away as if He were a common criminal. Peter strikes the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Jesus rebukes the action, stating it interfered with the plan of God for man’s redemption in accordance with