

## Selah: Stop, Look, Listen – March 31, 2020

The Lord be with you.

I'm holding here, my mother's well-read, well-worn Bible, looking at and praying over one of my favorite Bible passages and from the look in my mother's Bible, it must have been one of her favorites says it is well marked up and underlying and started.

It's a Lamentations chapter three and yes, there was a whole book of the Bible, that's called Lamentations it's about tears, it's been called the wailing wall of the Bible as limitations was written by the prophet Jeremiah about the year of 587 BC, after the Hora, the destruction of the city of Jerusalem and the temple by the Babylonians, but in the midst of tears in this Lamentations Three passage, Jeremiah is remembering something that gives him hope, and can give us hope to Lamentations 3-19. Jeremiah says the thought of my affliction and my homelessness, is wormwood. And gal he's saying that it's bitterness to him and then he says, my soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. He's grieving but he says

I've often times said that the word buttes on my favorite words in the Bible. Because the little word but just turns everything around my soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me, but this I call to mind and therefore I have hoped the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. great is your faithfulness, and This is what Jeremiah calls to mind as he stands amidst the ruins this is what He calls to mind, that gives him hope, and that is that the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

No other word steadfast love translates the Hebrew word head which is really one of the great words of the Hebrew Bible, that is... Variously translated as loving kindness 'loyal love, covenant love here, its steadfast love and I hesitate is a lower that is based on a covenant, that God has made as it is a love that is based on a vow that God has forever swarm to be faithful to His people to forever love us unconditionally, that's hesitant, God consistent, persistent, never give up loyal love for human me Hasan means that God cannot not love you the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies, note the plural, His mercies never come to an end.

Now, the Hebrew word for mercy is Racham that is actually derived from the Hebrew word for a woman's womb. R-E-cham" that is God's mercy is a maternal love, it is the love of a mother for the child in her womb, God acts out of the maternal love for You, God acts out of a maternal love as His mercies never ever come to an end.

Jeremiah says they are new every morning, and then this leads Jeremy to turn right to God, and say great is your faithfulness, every morning, gives you an me new evidence of God's steadfast love and mercy, in our lives that can only lead us to exclaim. "great is your faithfulness.

Thomas Obadiah CISM was born in a log cabin in Franklin, Kentucky, in 1866, he described himself as just an old shoe, and he went to a small country school, and became a teacher at age 16 and then later a rather poor struggling minister, but as Thomas chosen thought back on his life one day he wrote a poem there was later turned into one of our great hymns, I bet you know it, you know the words.

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Great is thy life faithfulness. Oh God, my Father there is no shadow of turning with the thee. Thou changest not. Thy compassions, they fail not as Thou has been and Thou forever will be. Great is Thy faithfulness.

Do you see God's and mercies every morning you see His steadfast love, do you see his faithfulness to you?

Let me tell you just briefly about something that I think might help you as it has helped me to see God's love and mercy throughout the day. It's what has been called a daily God hunt. And I know some people hunt for treasure some people hunt for gold some people hunt for bargains. I like to, everyday, go on a hunt for God.

I begin today by asking God to help me see His presence throughout the day, and I look for God in ways like this, I look for God in an answer to a prayer I've been praying or in a friend's phone call or the random kindness of a stranger, great taking sunrise or the design of a leaf or the song of a bird overhead or I look for God as He helps me do His work in the world, or other evidences of God's love and care for me, I find those in my daily God hunt and then at the end of the day, I like to reflect back on my day and to note these God sightings, where I've seen God throughout the day.

I hope you'll do that. Go on a daily God Hunt and I think you'll find his mercies to be new every morning, and what you do me a favor.

Would you go on or Water from Rock Facebook and share with us a God sighting that you have had where you've experienced God's steadfast love and mercy, as you go on a daily God hunt.

And the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord looked up the light of His countenance upon you and give you peace.

I'm Tim Smith, a fellow traveler on the pilgrim way.

Thank you for listening, until next time...

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