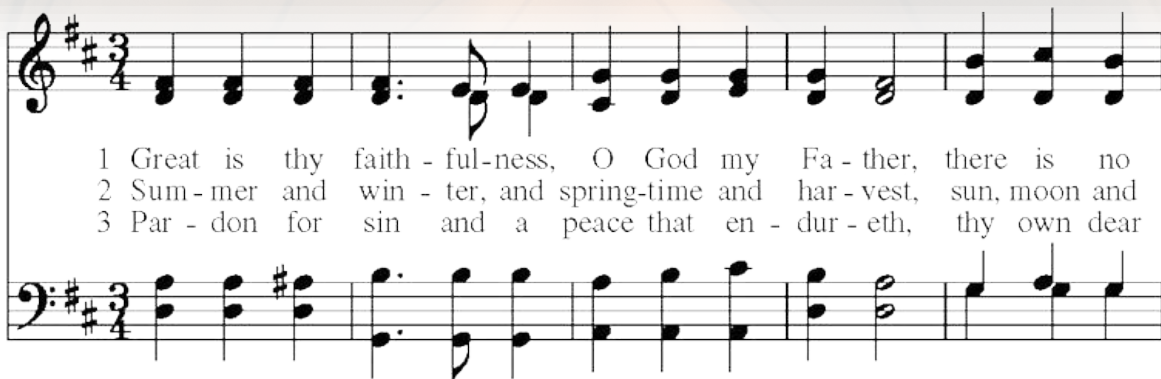
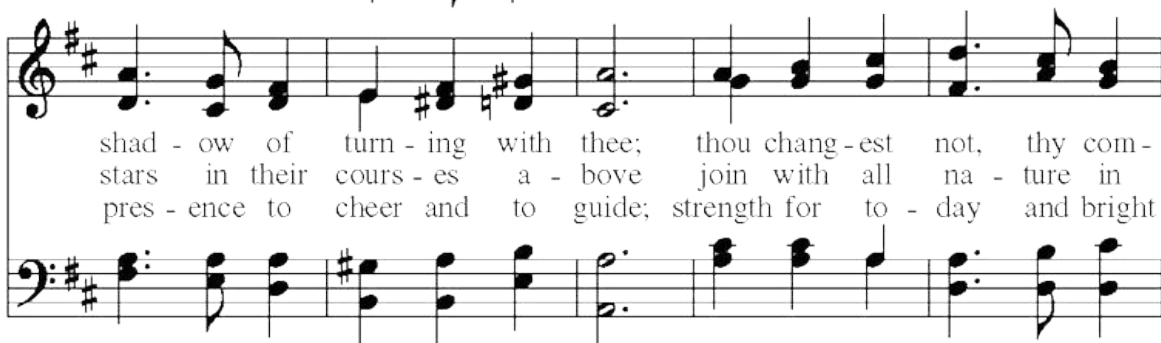


Hymns...HELP, HOPE AND HEALING

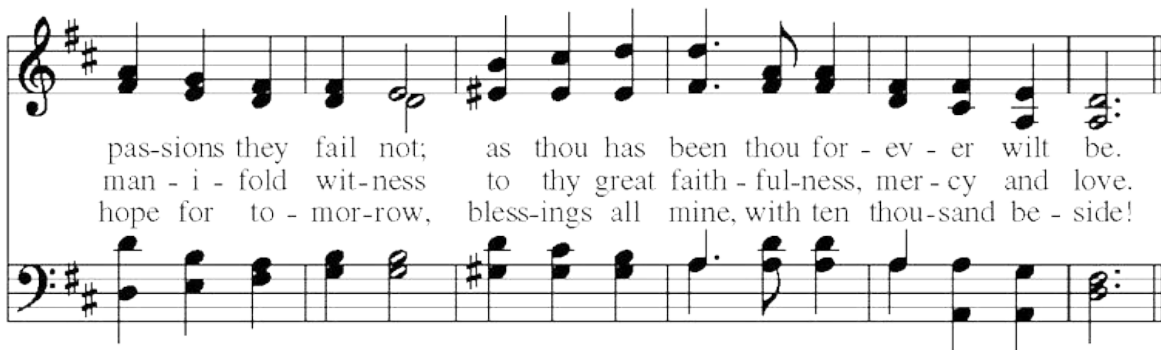
Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thy own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas-sions they fail not; as thou has been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy and love.
hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!



Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



January 5, 2020
Pastor Scott George
Lamentations 3:1-23



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God's faithfulness means that God will always do what He said and fulfill what He has promised.

- Wayne Grudem

Lamentations 3:1-23, *I am the man who has seen affliction by the rod of the Lord's wrath.*

*2 He has driven me away and made me walk in darkness rather than light;
3 indeed, he has turned his hand against me again and again, all day long.
4 He has made my skin and my flesh grow old and has broken my bones.
5 He has besieged me and surrounded me with bitterness and hardship.
6 He has made me dwell in darkness like those long dead.
7 He has walled me in so I cannot escape; he has weighed me down with chains.
8 Even when I call out or cry for help, he shuts out my prayer.
9 He has barred my way with blocks of stone; he has made my paths crooked.
10 Like a bear lying in wait, like a lion in hiding,
11 he dragged me from the path and mangled me and left me without help.
12 He drew his bow and made me the target for his arrows.
13 He pierced my heart with arrows from his quiver.
14 I became the laughingstock of all my people; they mock me in song all day long.
15 He has filled me with bitter herbs and given me gall to drink.
16 He has broken my teeth with gravel; he has trampled me in the dust.
17 I have been deprived of peace; I have forgotten what prosperity is.
18 So I say, "My splendor is gone and all that I had hoped from the Lord."
19 I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall.
20 I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me.
21 Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:
22 Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.
23 They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness*

God's Faithfulness Is Great...

1. When life is _____ (v. 19)
2. When we choose to remember His _____ (v. 21)
3. When we seek Him _____

In case you missed them...Answers: 1. Bad 2. Goodness 3. Daily



[Story Behind The Hymn]

READ BETWEEN THE LINES

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

The author of this hymn, Thomas Obediah Chisholm, was born in a log cabin in Kentucky. At age sixteen, he began teaching school, despite the paucity of his own education. He came to Christ at age twenty-seven under the evangelist H.C. Morrison. But Chisholm's health was unstable, and he alternated between bouts of illness and gainful employment in which he did everything from journalism to insurance to evangelistic work. Through third chapter of Lamentations 3 became precious to him: "his compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness" (verse 22-23)

...Thomas sent several poems to his friend, musician William Runyan, who was so moved by this one that he prayed earnestly for special guidance in composing the music. Runyan was in Balwin, Kansas, at the time, and the hymn was published in 1923 in Runyan's private song pamphlets.

...It remained relatively unknown until popularized around the world by George Beverly Shea and the choirs at the Billy Graham Crusades.

SOURCE

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[Weekly Devotion Questions]

HMMM...

1. When you hear the phrase "Great is thy faithfulness" what thoughts come to your mind?
2. Describe a recent time in your life when God revealed His faithfulness to you.
3. Why is it important to remember God's faithfulness on a daily basis?