

**Francis Scott Key (Aug 1, 1779 - Jan 11, 1843):**  
**Poet, Patriot & Christian**  
**Lamentations 3:19-38**

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1. **Francis Scott Key realized early in his life that God had given him a gift of being able to write \_\_\_\_\_ and he used that gift often.**

*“He was God-centered and desirous of greatly using his talents and gifts to \_\_\_\_\_ his Redeemer and point others to the triune God.” - Byron Snapp*

2. **Key agreed with George Washington that ... “\_\_\_\_\_ of country springs from religion ... and is ever nourished by its influence.”**

*“Of all the dispositions and habits, which lead to political prosperity, Religion and morality are indispensable supports. —In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great Pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of Men and Citizens.” - Geo Washington, by Key*

3. **Key understood well the responsibility of men and nations to honor the Lord, and the threat of His \_\_\_\_\_ if they refused.**

- a. Key believed that America’s decision to declare war on Great Britain in 1812 was sinful.

*“When a people are suffering, under divine correction, when the arm of the Almighty is raised in \_\_\_\_\_ against them, surely it is not unreasonable to expect that they will call their ways to remembrance, and endeavor to ascertain the iniquity that has provoked chastisement.”*  
- F. Scott Key

- b. Believers need to trust in God’s sovereign goodness in the midst of suffering and affliction, because the God of wrath is also the God of mercy.

1) There is a temptation to be overwhelmed by \_\_\_\_\_.

2) It is God’s \_\_\_\_\_ mercies that enable His people to endure.

3) Benefiting from the Lord’s lovingkindness requires:

*“Our duty at any point in \_\_\_\_\_ is to be faithful unto God.” - Byron Snapp*

\* Contentment with \_\_\_\_\_ alone

\* Patiently seeking after the Lord

\* Living life in submission to the Lord

\* A willingness to \_\_\_\_\_ whatever God ordains

\* A realization that the affliction will not last forever

- c. It is vital that believers realize that \_\_\_\_\_ things take place according to the eternal and immutable counsel of God.

*“If we believed and trusted as we have a right to do, we should always be enabled to say of everything that happens to us—“it is the Lord—let Him do what seemeth to Him good.”” - F S Key*