

## CFBC Hymns Class 39

### Thomas Chisholm (1866-1960)



*Looking back on the writing of the hymn, Chisholm recalled in 1941... "My income has not been large at any time due to impaired health in the earlier years which has followed me on until now. Although I must not fail to record here the unfailing faithfulness of a covenant keeping God and that He has given me many wonderful displays of His providing care, for which I am filled with astonishing gratefulness."*

#### **The Background of Chisholm's "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

The words of some hymns spring not from a traumatic occurrence in the writer's life but in the midst of the daily routine. That is just the case in the writing of one of the 20th century's most loved hymns: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

Thomas Chisholm was born in a simple log cabin in Franklin, Kentucky, in 1866. Lacking a high school education or any college training, he became a school teacher at the age of 16 and later entered the newspaper business.

The following years found him ordained a pastor, but poor health forced him to leave the ministry. After a time of recuperation, he moved to New Jersey to work as an insurance agent.

A prolific writer of poetry, he sent a collection of his poems in 1923 to his good friend William Runyan, a musician associated with Chicago's Moody Bible Institute, who also worked for a hymnal publishing company.

While on a trip to Baldwin, Kansas, Runyan leafed through the poems sent by Chisholm and was immediately taken in by the depth of meaning and lyrical beauty of the words found in the poem "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

Years later, Runyan recalled, "This particular poem held such an appeal that I prayed most earnestly that my tune might carry over its message in a worthy way."

Out of a simple prayer, Runyan's melody took shape, and the completed hymn was published by Runyan that same year.

Due to Runyan's association with Moody Bible Institute, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" became a favorite with the students and faculty alike and has become the Institute's unofficial college hymn.

Yet, it was slow to catch on in churches across the United States until Billy Graham began to include the hymn in his crusades.

<https://www.lifeway.com/en/articles/the-history-of-great-is-thy-faithfulness>

### **Wordwisehymns Commentary on "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" ...**

This is a near perfect gospel song. The words and thoughts are biblical and inspiring, and the tune fits the text beautifully. The opening stanza of the hymn, and the overall theme, is based on the words of the prophet Jeremiah in the book of Lamentations:

"Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness" (Lam. 3:22-23).

As the name of the book suggests, Lamentations is a series of laments over the destruction of the city of Jerusalem (Lam. 1:1), and over the fact that the people of Israel had been carried into captivity in Babylon (vs. 3). The prophets had warned them for years to turn from their idolatry and unbelief and seek the Lord, but there was little response. Now, the blow had fallen. In great grief, Jeremiah, the weeping prophet, stared at the ruins of his beloved city. So, was that the end?

No. There was still a believing remnant remaining, including Jeremiah himself. And God had promised Israel that they would experience a restoration to their own land. The Babylonian Captivity would last only for seventy years (Jer. 25:11). Then they would be allowed to return. And the books of Ezra and Nehemiah show that they did. Further, there would be a glorious future for the nation one day, under the reign of the Messiah (Isa. 2:1-4; 9:6-7; 35:1-10).

God is faithful and trustworthy. What He promises will come to pass. That is the basis for the encouraging words in Lamentations, and it's the basic theme of the hymn. The opening stanza also draws on the promise of James 1:17.

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.”

God “does not change like shifting shadows” (*NIV*); “there is never the slightest variation or shadow of inconsistency” in Him (*Philips Paraphrase*).

CH-1) Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will 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!*

In the temperate zone where I live, we have four distinct seasons. They roll around each year, on a schedule that can be relied upon—which is exactly what the Lord promised after the flood of Noah's day: “While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease” (Gen. 8:22).

In Thomas Chisholm's hymn, the rolling seasons (CH-2) become a graphic object lesson on the faithfulness of God, one which can encourage our faith when it comes to the promised eternal salvation in Christ (CH-3). The Lord pledges, in passage after passage, that if we trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, and receive Him as our Saviour, our sins will be forgiven, and we'll receive God's gift of eternal life (e.g. Jn. 1:12-13; 3:16; 14:6).

CH-3) Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Praise the Lord for His great faithfulness and for His trustworthy Word!

<https://wordwisehymns.com/2012/03/09/great-is-thy-faithfulness/>

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.\*  
There is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

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!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

### **The Steadfast Love of the Lord**

Edith McNeill (1920-2014)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
God's mercies never come to an end.  
They are new every morning, new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness, O Lord,  
great is your faithfulness.

### **The Background of Chisholm's "The Mercies of God"**

"The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; His mercies begin afresh each morning. (Lamentations 3:22,23)

What a joy to experience His mercies which are new every morning. These mercies stirred Thomas Obediah Chisholm (1866-1960) to pen the words of this beautiful, but not well known hymn. His aim in writing was to incorporate as much of Scripture as possible and to avoid "sentimental" themes.

Al Smith's book, Hymn Histories, gives us interesting information about the writing of this hymn. Smith wrote, "The old man (Thomas Chisholm) awoke to face another weary day. His wife had been seriously ill for a long time, and it was time to give her her medicine. But the bottle was empty, and he had no money for more. Thinking perhaps a little breakfast would lift her spirits, he returned to the kitchen. But the ice box was almost as empty as the pill bottle, and even buying groceries seemed beyond their means. Not only that, their rent was due that day. A pretty bleak picture. But God knew the need even before they did. Nothing takes the Lord by surprise. He says, "I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done" (Isa. 46:9-10). And "known to God from eternity are all His works" (Acts 15:18). That is why He is able to work through our circumstances, providing in advance for our needs to be met when the time comes. ... Romans 8:28, "We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, and to those who are called according to His purpose."

Tom certainly believed that. He and his wife had come through many difficult times, though on this day in 1935 things seemed worse than usual. But see how the Lord was working! Two days before, two men were attending to some necessary record-keeping for the Gideons Bible distribution ministry. They were going over the membership list for New Jersey. The policy was to remove anyone who had been contacted twice, but failed to send in the registration fee - five dollars in those days. But just as Mr. Stam was about to cross off T. O. Chisholm, his friend said, "Jake, don't you know who that man is? Why, he's the fellow that wrote Great Is Thy Faithfulness." Saying that was his favorite hymn, Stam responded, "That sure is worth five dollars - I'll pay the brother's dues."

However that was not to be the end of it. That night Stam had trouble sleeping. Tom Chisholm kept coming to his mind. Believing there might be a need there, he decided to send him a gift in the morning. Then the ringing of the phone at six roused him. It was his friend from the evening before. He had had the same experience in the night. Seeing this as the leading of the Lord, both men wrote checks, mailing them off with a note. The next day - the day the burden of the Chisholm's meager finances struck with full force, he got that letter. At first, his heart sank to see the return address on the envelope, Jacob Stam, Attorney at Law! He thought, "All the trouble I'm in, and now an attorney is after me!" But when he tore open the envelope he read, "Dear Brother, we have never met you, but we love you in the Lord. Thank you so much for Great Is Thy Faithfulness. Enclosed is a little something the Lord told us to send you." Mr. Chisholm was astonished to see that the "little something" covered not only the month's rent, and the cost of his wife's medicine, but provided enough to restock the pantry.

It was at the suggestion of his wife that the hymn writer penned The Mercies of God, in celebration of God's amazing provision. Truly, "Great are Your tender mercies, O Lord!" (Ps. 119:156)." Using Chisholm's words this week, remember the gift of God's daily mercies to you and thank Him for His faithfulness.

1. The mercies of God! What a theme for my song,  
Oh! I never could number them o'er;  
They're more than the stars in the heavenly dome,  
Or the sands of the wave beaten shore.  
For mercies so great, what return can I make  
For mercies so constant and sure?  
I'll love Him, I'll serve Him with all that I have  
As long as my life shall endure.
  
2. They greet me at morn when I waken from sleep  
And they gladden my heart at the noon  
They follow me on into shades of the night  
when the day with its labor is done  
For mercies so great, what return can I make  
For mercies so constant and sure?  
I'll love Him, I'll serve Him with all that I have  
As long as my life shall endure.
  
3. His angels of mercy encompass me 'round,  
Wheresoever my pathway may lead;  
Each turn of the road some new token reveals  
Oh! For me life is blessed indeed.  
For mercies so great, what return can I make  
For mercies so constant and sure?  
I'll love Him, I'll serve Him with all that I have  
As long as my life shall endure.

<https://barryshymns.blogspot.com/2018/06/the-mercies-of-god.html>

***“It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth...”***

Lamentations 3:22-27a

**Whereas “*mercies*” underscore God’s covenant obligations, “*compassions*” highlight His feelings of love and pity for those in need.**

**God’s mercies never fail; they are continuous and ever fresh. The Hebrew for faithfulness refers to trustworthiness, steadfastness, reliability, and fidelity. Regardless of circumstances, God proves Himself to be worthy of trust.**

Notes from Joel Beeke on Lamentations 3:22,23

***Every time you draw your breath, you suck in mercy.***

Thomas Watson

***God desires to exercise mercy as much as you desire to feel it.***

Thomas Manton

## **God’s Mercy**

—adapted from Richard Sibbes, Exposition of 2 Corinthians 1

The Lord is merciful (Jonah 4:2). God’s mercy is His kindness to a person in misery (Matt. 9:27). The apostle Paul wrote, “Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort” (2 Cor. 1:3). Notice the order. God is first the Father of Jesus Christ, and then our Father if we are in Christ. Christ has everything first, and we receive all from Him. He is the first Son, and we are sons. He is the first beloved of God, and we are beloved in Him. He is filled first with all grace, and we are filled from Him (John 1:16). God must first be the Father of Christ, and then our Father through faith in Christ, so that He may be “the Father of mercies” to us.

God's mercy must see God's justice satisfied. One attribute must not devour another in God (Ps. 85:10). God cannot wrong His own justice, but it must be satisfied by Christ (Rom. 3:26).

Christ took our nature to die for us (Heb. 2:14,17), so that God could be our Father despite our sins, for He has punished our sins in Christ, our surety (Heb. 7:22). Thus God, out of His heart of mercy, found a way that He might do good to us and bring together His mercy and justice. God is holiness; we are a mass of sin and corruption. But Christ died for us, and God is the Father of mercies to all who are in Christ. Since God's justice has been satisfied for sin, the obstacle is removed and the stream of God's mercy runs freely.

God is merciful by nature. The sea is not more naturally wet, the sun does not more naturally shine, fire does not more naturally burn, and gravity does not more naturally pull weights down, than God naturally shows mercy when His justice is satisfied. God's attributes, such as His wisdom and power, would terrify us apart from His mercy. But if we know Him as the Father of mercies, then all His attributes becomes sweet to us. His wisdom will plan good things for us. His power will free us from our enemies. His justice will vindicate us against those who wrong us.

God glorifies Himself in showing mercy. God is merciful before we are converted. He delays His wrath and does not punish the sinner immediately. God is merciful in forgiving all sin, punishment, and guilt when we trust in Christ. God is merciful in correcting some of the sins of His children (Heb. 12:6), while passing over many sins, and moderating His correction with gentleness and perfect timing. He is merciful in continuing our daily blessings. If we have comfort, it is mercy. If we have strength, it is mercy. His mercies do not fail but are new every morning (Lam. 3:22–23). Everything that comes from God to His children is dipped in mercy.

When God is severe with sinners in His justice, it is their fault. His heart is merciful (Lam. 3:33). He is good in Himself. We provoke Him to be severe in justice. But in His own nature, "he delighteth in mercy" (Mic. 7:18). Therefore He will be merciful to all who repent of their sins and take hold of Christ by a true faith. This is the name by which God wants to be known, "merciful and gracious" (Ex. 34:6). The Psalms tells us the same thing, again and again (Ps. 86:15; 103:8,13; 111:4; 116:5; 145:8–9).

God's promises are promises of mercy. Whenever a sinner repents, regardless of how many or how bad his sins may be, God will forgive them all (1 John 1:7). The Bible says to the guilty soul, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon



him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon” (Isa. 55:7). We are vindictive, quick to be offended and seek revenge. Our thoughts of mercy are poor and narrow because we are so unmerciful. But God’s thoughts are above our thoughts, and His ways above our ways (Isa. 55:7–8). God’s mercy is infinite!

***God writes with a pen that never blots, speaks with a tongue that never slips, acts with a hand that never fails.***

Charles Spurgeon

## **God’s Faithfulness**

Surveying the ruins of Jerusalem, Jeremiah is overwhelmed with grief. Nonetheless, he sees evidence that God keeps truth and covenant forever and will in no wise forsake the works of His hands. A remnant has been spared. The prophet sees that God has not cast off His people nor forgotten to be gracious (cf. Ps. 77:5–9). A new day has dawned, and with it new mercies for those who hope in the Lord.

God’s faithfulness is the outworking of His infinite, eternal, and unchangeable being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth. What He says can be trusted. What He promises can be sought after and obtained. All His works are done in wisdom and in love. So David exhorts us to “trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us” (Ps. 62:8). Truth stands at the heart of the biblical idea of faithfulness. The Westminster Divines root the authority of Scripture in “God, who is truth itself” (Westminster Confession of Faith, 1.4). Much of the Bible is history that shows that God keeps His Word, blessing where He promises to bless, punishing where He threatens to punish, sending judgment on wicked people who do not repent, and saving those who cry out to Him for salvation and life. Central to this history of divine faithfulness is the promise of a Savior (Gen. 3:15), which was confirmed by the prophets and fulfilled in the coming of Christ the Lord (Luke 1:54–55, 68–75).

Joel Beeke

## **Thomas Brooks on Adoption**

***I am His by purchase and I am His by conquest...and I am His by election; I am His by covenant and I am His by marriage; I am wholly His; I am peculiarly His; I am universally His; I am eternally His. Once I was a slave but now I am a son; once I was dead but now I am alive; once I was darkness but now I am light in the Lord;***

*once I was a child of wrath, an heir of hell, but now I am an heir of heaven; once I was Satan's bond-servant but now I am God's freeman; once I was under the spirit of bondage but now I am under the Spirit of adoption that seals up to me the remission of my sins, the justification of my person and the salvation of my soul.*

### **Adoption...**

Adoption is the gracious act of God whereby He chooses us, calls us to Himself, and gives us the privileges and blessings of being His children. God has a fatherly nature—His plans for His family are expansive. Though mankind lost the status and privileges of sonship in his tragic fall in Paradise, adoption translates the believer out of a miserable estate into a happy union with God.

Adoption is triune in nature: God the Father chose His children before the foundation of the world (Rom. 8:28–29; Eph. 1:5,11; 1 Thess. 1:4; 1 Peter 2:9); God the Son earned the blessings by which we become children of God (1 John 4:10); and God the Holy Spirit changes our nature by regeneration, so that we move from being children of wrath to children of God (1 John 2:29; 3:9). Adoption brings relationship changes. First, the relationship with God is changed, as He is now “Abba, Father” (Rom. 8:15). Thus, the child of God declares, as Christ did, “I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father” (John 5:30). The believer’s life is controlled by the conviction that God is now his Father (Matt. 7:11; cf. Matt. 6:9). This is his comfort in all aspects of life (Matt. 6:32; John 14:1–2; James 1:16–18).

Second, our relationship to the world is changed. It is now a troubled one (1 John 3:1). Further, it is one that the believer continually strives to put to death, because even though he lives in the world he must not be “of” it (John 15:19; 17:16; Rom. 12:2; cf. Ex. 23:32–33; Judg. 2:1–2; 2 Cor. 6:17–18; Phil. 1:27; James 1:27; 4:4).

Third, our relationship to the family of God is changed, for the child of God has many brothers and sisters in Christ (1 John 3:14–18). As the believer is united to God in Christ, so he is united to all other people of God (John 17:21). Thus, adoption brings with it a communion of saints (Ps. 133:1; Rom. 12:4–5; 1 Cor. 12:12–31; 1 Thess. 5:11).

Moreover, adoption includes two precious benefits: a blessed status and wondrous privileges. God’s adopted children share a status similar to the very Son of God (cf. Hos. 1:10; Rom. 9:26; 2 Cor. 6:18), who is their Elder Brother (Heb. 2:11). This means that they enjoy the same love from God that exists between the Father and His Son (John 17:23; cf. Jer. 31:3; 1 John 3:1).

Thus, God declares of the believer what He says of His Son: “This is my beloved” (Matt. 3:17). Furthermore, the child of God receives manifold privileges. He receives the Spirit of adoption (Rom. 8:15), is changed into the likeness of Christ (Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18), is chastened for sanctification (Heb. 12:6–7), is comforted by God’s filial love and pity (Ps. 103:13), is preserved from falling (Jude 24), and is provided all things necessary for life (Matt. 7:7–11; James 1:17).

Beyond all this, the believer enjoys the privileges of the only begotten Son Himself. This brings with it acceptance (Eph. 1:6), communion (2 Cor. 13:14), life (John 1:12–13; 1 John 3:1–3), and an eternal inheritance (Rom. 8:17). Adoption, under Roman law, was a legal act by which a man chose someone outside the family to be an heir to his inheritance. This inheritance was divided; yet, though there are countless heirs of Christ, each believer receives the full and entire inheritance of God.

These privileges bring the responsibility of joyful service to the Father. This includes childlike, reverential love for the Father; submission to the Father in all His providences; obedience and imitation of the Father; and love for the Father’s children. As a child rejoices in pleasing his father, so the believer searches the smiles and frowns of God to guide his conduct in life.

From being a child of the Devil to becoming a child of God; from a child of wrath to the object of God’s favor; from a child of condemnation to an heir of all the promises and a possessor of all blessings; from the greatest misery to the highest felicity—adoption is a stupendous wonder. The prodigal has nothing by which to move God to adopt him. Further, there is much in him to discourage the adoption; yet God delights to become his Father in Christ by the Spirit.

Joel Beeke

### **Westminster Shorter Catechism on the Preface to the Lord’s Prayer**

Q. 100. What doth the preface of the Lord’s Prayer teach us?

A. The preface of the Lord’s Prayer, which is, Our Father which art in heaven,” teacheth us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father, able and ready to help us; and that we should pray with and for others.

*Matt. 6:9; Rom. 8:15; Luke 11:13; Acts 12:5; 1 Tim. 2:1-2.*

## God's Immutability

*It is well for us that, amidst all the variableness of life, there is One whom change cannot affect; One whose heart can never alter, and on whose brow mutability can make no furrows.*

Charles Spurgeon

### For Further Meditation...

#### Quotes on God's Mercy...

*The Bible is chalked-full of verses that describe our Creator as a God of mercy. "The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and great in lovingkindness. The Lord is good to all, and His mercies are over all His works" (Psalm 145:8-9). The Bible describes His mercy as "great" (1 Pet. 1:3), "abundant" (Psm. 86:15), "tender" (Lk. 1:78) and "everlasting" (Psm. 103:17). God is forever extending mercy to His children and even to those who blaspheme His name (Psm. 145:14-16; cf. Mt. 5:45; Lk. 6:35; Ac. 14:17; 17:25). We should thus not be surprised that the Bible calls God the "Father of mercies" (2 Cor. 1:3).*

Randy Smith

*God's mercy is so great that you may sooner drain the sea of its water, or deprive the sun of its light, or make space too narrow, than diminish the great mercy of God.*

*When a tear is wept by you, think not your Father does not behold; for, "Like as a father pities his children so the Lord pities them that fear Him." Your sigh is able to move the heart of Jehovah; your whisper can incline His ear unto you; your prayer can stay His hands; your faith can move His arm. Oh! Think not that God sits on high in an eternal slumber, taking no account of you.*

*There is mercy for a sinner, but there is no mercy for the man who will not own himself a sinner.*

Charles Surgeon

## Quotes on God's Faithfulness...

***The promises of the Bible are nothing more than God's covenant to be faithful to His people. It is His character that makes these promises valid.***

Jerry Bridges

***There are seasons in the lives of all when it is not easy, no not even for Christians, to believe that God is faithful. Our faith is sorely tried, our eyes bedimmed with tears, and we can no longer trace the outworkings of His love. Our ears are distracted with the noises of the world, harassed by the atheistic whisperings of Satan, and we can no longer hear the sweet accents of His still small voice. Cherished plans have been thwarted, friends on whom we relied have failed us, a profest brother or sister in Christ has betrayed us. We are staggered. We sought to be faithful to God, and now a dark cloud hides Him from us. We find it difficult, yea, impossible, for carnal reason to harmonize His frowning providence with His gracious promises.***

***Everything about God is great, vast, incomparable. He never forgets, never fails, never falters, never forfeits His word. To every declaration of promise or prophecy the Lord has exactly adhered, every engagement of covenant or threatening He will make good.***

***God is true. His Word of Promise is sure. In all His relations with His people God is faithful. He may be safely relied upon. No one ever yet really trusted Him in vain. We find this precious truth expressed almost everywhere in the Scriptures, for His people need to know that faithfulness is an essential part of the Divine character. This is the basis of our confidence in Him.***

A W Pink

## Quotes on Adoption...

***Nobody is born into this world a child of the family of God. We are born as children of wrath. The only way we enter into the family of God is by adoption, and that adoption occurs when we are united to God's only begotten Son by faith. When by faith we are united with Christ, we are then adopted into that family of whom Christ is the firstborn.***

R C Sproul

***Properly understood, adoption is one of the most precious, heartwarming, and practical of all our theological beliefs... [It] focuses our attention on a relational image and points us to the joy and assurance that comes from receiving a father who loves us and a family with whom we can enjoy our new freedom in Christ.***

***Our adoption as sons of God...comes through union with Christ and cannot be experienced apart from it. In Christ, and in Him alone, we receive the adoption that gives us an undeserved share in the promises that were made to Him and the privileges that He has earned as God's Son (Gal. 3:29). Indeed, the reason that Christ came to this earth was so that He might give us adoption as God's sons (Gal. 4:5).***

Iain Duguid

### **Quotes on God's Immutability...**

***However unstable I may be, however fickle my friends may prove, God changes not. If He varied as we do, if He willed one thing today and another tomorrow, if He were controlled by caprice, who could confide in Him? But, all praise to His glorious name, He is ever the same. His purpose is fixed, His will is stable, His word is sure.***

A W Pink

***Consider what you owe to His immutability. Though you have changed a thousand times, He has not changed once.***

***A changeable God would be a terror to the righteous, they would have no sure anchorage, and amid a changing world they would be driven to and fro in perpetual fear of shipwreck... Our heart leaps for joy as we bow before One who has never broken His word or changed His purpose.***

Charles Spurgeon