

Lamentations 3:22,23

NEW MERCIES AND GREAT FAITHFULNESS

- I. The setting.
 - A. The background for Jehovah's mercies is the fact that Judah was almost "consumed."
 - B. It is the confession that in ourselves we, miserable creatures, would be consumed (Psalm 124:1-5).
 1. Sin remains in us, so over and over we are unfaithful, worthy only of God's fierce wrath.
 2. Jeremiah and we confess that we deserve to be consumed, but we are not.
- II. Why not consumed?!?!
 - A. It is of Jehovah's mercies.
 1. Mercy is God's deep-seated and powerful desire to bless and make blessed, even as He is blessed.
 2. Jehovah's mercy is revealed in a multitude of "mercies," i.e., concrete acts of mercy (plural in Ps. 51:1).
 3. God's mercy is centrally manifested in Jesus Christ.
 4. From this central deed of Jehovah's mercy flows all the mercies we experience.
 - B. Jehovah's mercies are "new every morning." They are "new," i.e., means fresh, renewed.
 - C. The basis for Jehovah's constantly fresh mercy is His unfailing "compassions."
 1. God's compassion is His deep, tender love (six times translated womb or bowels).
 2. They "fail not," i.e., they do not cease, end, fail, or get extinguished.
- III. Two conclusion.
 - A. First, "great is Thy faithfulness."
 1. The unending flow of Jehovah's mercy is His faithfulness.
 2. His unending flow of mercies results in a faithfulness which is nothing but "great," i.e., many, exceeding and abounding.
 - B. Second, "therefore will I hope in Him" (24b).