

Ever So Thankful For God's* Sweet, Sure HOPE

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Yet another year has come and gone. My [!] our Lord has been **faithful** to Himself, to His Word, to His children in Christ and to His creation in general ... in so many respects. God be praised. יהוה God be adored.

Concerning our Lord's **faithfulness**, I spend just a moment in review:

Millennia ago our Lord communicated to mankind clear details about His Son's coming in order to redeem fallen mankind. As that time in history unfolded, sure enough, His promises were fulfilled. Our God is indeed the One True God, yes, but in this setting is also the God of Truth, for in Him is *no darkness whatsoever*.

So why is it some are giving up on our Lord today? Do they hold dangerous expectations which will never be realized and thus *feel like* God has disappointed them? In a day when, once again, His sure promises are unfolding in miraculous ways, why don't some of these very folks accept these expressions of God's faithfulness and continue in Him (as opposed to *waiver in* or *abandoning* the faith)? By God's kind grace, **many wisely respond in just an opposite way**: WE respond in humble praise that yes, once again, His faithful promises continue being fulfilled, even the *end-time* ones God has forewarned us are coming, ones not so pleasant. In this context, we submit to His Divine plan and continue making this appeal: *Thy will be done ... Be faithful to Your promise in I Corinthians 10:13 ... Please come quickly Lord Jesus!*

Let's use God's **faithfulness** to His Word to drive us back to it. The revelation God has so generously extended is available to just about anyone who wants it, one way or another. May this year – 2022 – be a year we go back to His Word for insight second to none. Many Bible prophecies are unfolding today. Others are right around the corner. We challenge each and every one of us to spend significant time in His Word through this new year. Remember, it's His loving communication to us because He cares for us in ways we cannot fathom. As we do so (as we spend time with Him in His Word) we **will be** ministered unto – His Word (yet another promise from God) says so – Isaiah 55:8-10, Hebrews 4:12. Praise God for His awesome gift, His Word. Praise God for His faithfulness to the many promises therein. *Great Is Thy Faithfulness ...* (what a wonderful song filled with *strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow*). My wife is playing this hymn on the piano as I write this short blog. Included in our praise is the fruit of Lamentations 3:22, 23. *“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.”* KJV

Concerning our Lord's ongoing faithfulness to His Word and His promises therein:

God has done His part AND asks us to do ours. May those of us who walk in the priority of Psalm 119:105 so enjoy and be nurtured in God's holy, powerful Word.

* Hope based “in God” is sure, eternal Hope. Is YOUR *hope* the Hope God alone can provide?