



REJOICE IN GOD'S LOVINGKINDNESS AND FAITHFULNESS

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Psalm 98:3

Last week we learned that God's gift of salvation is a source of joy. As we continue our study of Psalm 98, we focus on verse 3 which is packed with so much incredible truth. The psalmist reminds us of God's lovingkindness and faithfulness. One word really summarizes the phrase "He has remembered His lovingkindness and His faithfulness to the house of Israel", dependable! You can depend on God to always fulfill His promises!

Psalm 103:11–19 (NASB95)

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. ¹² As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. ¹³ Just as a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. ¹⁴ For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust. ¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. ¹⁶ When the wind has passed over it, it is no more, and its place acknowledges it no longer. ¹⁷ But the lovingkindness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, ¹⁸ To those who keep His covenant and remember His precepts to do them. ¹⁹ The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His sovereignty rules over all.

KEY THOUGHT: God's promises are a source of joy!

GOD NEVER FORGETS HIS PROMISES – "He has remembered"

GOD'S PROMISES ARE FOUNDED UPON HIS CHARACTER – "His lovingkindness and faithfulness"

- Lovingkindness – the loving, merciful, dependability of God
- Faithfulness - God's faithfulness means that because He is the truth, everything He says and does is certain

GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES – "all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God"

- God is trustworthy – His character
- God will do what He says He will do – His conduct

(Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 33:4; Psalm 36:5; Psalm 89:1–2; Lamentations 3:20–23)