

# THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

**2 Timothy 2:13: If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.**

Sermon to the servants of the Most High God at Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kansas, on December 1, 2024.

Faithfulness is an attribute that belongs to God; from whence he is denominated the "*faithful God*," **Deuteronomy 7:9**: "*Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations[.]*" It is essential to him, and without which he would not be God. To be unfaithful, would be to act contrary to his nature, to deny himself, **2 Timothy 2:13**: "*If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.*" An unfaithful God would be no God at all. It is a most glorious perfection of his nature; it is "*great*," like himself; in fact, it is infinite: "*Great is thy faithfulness*," **Lamentations 3:23**. There is a hymn which captures this attribute quite well, entitled: "**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**," by Thomas O. Chisolm.

This is the full text in Jeremiah's **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.*"

The incredible full context is found in the first 21 verses of Lamentations, to wit:

*"I am the man that hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath. He hath led me, and brought me into darkness, but not into light. Surely against me is he turned; he turneth his hand against me all the day. My flesh and my skin hath he made old; he hath broken my bones. He hath builded against me, and compassed me with gall and travail. He hath set me in dark places, as they that be dead of old. He hath hedged me about, that I cannot get out: he hath made my chain heavy. Also when I cry and shout, he shutteth out my prayer. He hath inclosed my ways with hewn stone, he hath made my paths crooked. He was unto me as a bear lying in wait, and as a lion in secret places. He hath turned aside my ways, and pulled me in pieces: he hath made me desolate. He hath bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow. He hath caused the arrows of his quiver to enter into my reins. I was a derision to all my people; and their song all the day. He hath filled me with bitterness, he hath made me drunken with wormwood. He hath also broken my teeth with gravel stones, he hath covered me with ashes. And thou hast removed my soul far off from peace: I forgat prosperity. And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the LORD: Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall. My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me. This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. 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."*

Then, because of the faithfulness of God, Jeremiah concludes: "*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. He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne it upon him.” (Lamentations 3:24-28).*

Here are some additional examples of the greatness of God’s faithfulness as revealed in the Word of God:

**Psalm 36:5:** *“Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.”*

Gill: “[W]hich lies in the execution of his purposes, whose counsels of old were faithfulness and truth; and in keeping his covenant and promises; he never changes his mind, nor forgets his word; he is a God of truth, and cannot lie; he knows the end from the beginning; no unforeseen event can turn up to hinder the performance of what he has purposed and promised, and he is able to perform; nor does ever any of the good things he has spoken of fail...”

**Psalm 89:1:** *“« Maschil of Ethan the Ezrahite. » I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.”*

This glorious perfection of God in his dealings with his elect throughout all generations is what is spoken of here. Ethan the Ezrahite expands on this theme in this same chapter (89) verses **2, 5, 8, 24, and 33:** *“For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens. And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints. O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee? But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted. Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.”*

**Psalm 92:1-2** *“« A Psalm or Song for the sabbath day. » It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night.”*

True thanksgiving is not held on the fourth Thursday of the month of November; but every day. It doesn’t consist of gorging yourself and then sitting around in a diabetic coma glued to the TV screen watching football. It is the daily, active internal thankfulness and outward praising of God by words and actions. **Luke 6:46:** *“And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?”* **Proverbs 23:17:** *“Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long.”*

**Isaiah 11:5:** *“And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.”*

“Reins” is from the same word translated “loins.” This is a great mercy of the Lord in accommodating himself to our limited capacities: As if the eternal God of all wisdom, power and might needs to gird

up his reins! But since we are required to daily gird up the loins of our mind, he pities us with this manner of speech: anthropomorphism; Taking a human characteristic and ascribing it to God. We are commanded at **1 Peter 1:13**: *Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.* Faithfulness binds up and gathers together in order (girds) all of the other promises from God. When we want to run without disorder/outside interference, we gird up our flowing garments, so we can run like we mean it. The example I think of is Elijah who, after he had “slew” 450 prophets of Baal, in **1 Kings 18**, he then had to run 29.3 miles from Mount Carmel to Jezreel, “[a]nd the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel. (**1 Kings 18:46**) He beat Ahab’s chariot. The King’s horses are fast, yo! Trapp on **1 Peter 1:13**: “Gird yourselves and serve God, Lu 17:8. A loose, undisciplined, and unstable mind is unfit for God’s service. Girding implies, 1. Readiness; 2. Nimbleness, handiness, and fitness. The main strength of the body is in the loins. Therefore some say, the strong purposes and resolutions of the mind are here meant.” If Elijah can do this work by girding up imagine the power and work that an Almighty God can perform.

**Isaiah 25:1** *“O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.”* The most obvious “counsel of old” that jumps into my mind is the everlasting covenant of grace. **2 Samuel 23:5**: *“Although my house be not so with God; yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure: for this is all my salvation, and all my desire, although he make it not to grow.* The decrees and purposes of God, which are from eternity, are all truly and faithfully performed.

**Hosea 2:20**: *“I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD.”*

It is the Lord that makes his people faithful unto him, and gives them faith to believe in him, receive, embrace, own, and acknowledge him as their husband.

**Titus 1:2**: *“In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;”*

Gill: “[A]s early as the covenant was made with him, and he was set up as the Mediator of it; who was present to receive this promise as their head and representative for them, and to whom it was made as federally considered in him, and in whom it was secured for them[.]”

**Hebrews 2:17**: *“Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.”*

The adopted sons of God, who were brethren with Christ before Christ’s incarnation, being from all eternity predestinated to the adoption of children, rest their hope of reconciliation upon the faithfulness of their high priest and the faithfulness of God, who will receive those intercessions from their faithful high priest. (**Hebrews 7:25**: *“Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost*

[Arabic version: “to the utmost perfection”] *that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*”)

**Hebrews 6:18:** “*That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:*”

**Hebrews 10:23:** “*Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)*”

**1 John 1:9:** “*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*”

**1 Corinthians 1:9:** “*God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.*”

**Hebrews 11:11:** “*Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.*”

**Revelation 3:14:** “*And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;*”

JFB: It takes three things to meet the qualifications of a faithful and true witness: “(1) to have seen with His own eyes what He attests; (2) to be competent to relate it for others; (3) to be willing truthfully to do so. In Christ all these conditions meet [TRENCH].”

His faithfulness relates to all persons and things God has any concern with. It is all around him; he is, as it were, clothed and covered with it; and there is no creation like it. “*For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD? ... or to thy faithfulness round about thee?*” **Psalm 89:6-8.** There is faithfulness in the holy angels, and in good men, but not like what is in God; and therefore he puts no trust in them, **Job 4:18** (“*Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with folly[.]*”) His faithfulness is invariably the same (“*no variableness, neither shadow of turning,*” **James 1:17**); it has never failed in any one instance, nor never will. It is established in the heavens, and will continue to all generations. “*For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.*” “*But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.*” “*Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.*” “*Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.*” “*And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.*” **Psalm 89:2,24,33; 119:90; Joshua 23:14.**

Otherwise there would be no firm foundation for trust and confidence in him; but he is the "*faithful Creator*," and covenant God and Father of his people; to whom they may safely commit themselves, and depend upon him for all mercies promised, both temporal and spiritual, **1 Peter 4:19**: "*Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.*" **1 Thessalonians 5:23,24**: "*And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.*" Because the faithfulness of God mainly lies in the performance of his word, which is certain, with respect to all that is spoken by him; because **Numbers 23:19**: "*God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?*" **Luke 1:45**: "*And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.*"

He certainly will be faithful to his word to perform it. And this appears in at least the following ways (some examples today, and the rest next time, Lord willing):

First, **In the performance of what he has said with respect to the world in general.** For example, that it shall nevermore be destroyed by a flood, as it once was. For a token and confirmation of it, God has set the rainbow in the cloud. And now four thousand years are passed since the covenant was made; and God has been faithful to that promise though parts of the earth has been sometimes threatened with destruction by violent storms, and sudden inundations. See recent examples from the destruction from tropical storms in southeast United States in the last few months; and every week major flooding events occur all over the world with devastating and long-lasting results. To this day, the flood of 1951 in Topeka, Kansas, is featured prominently in its history. **Genesis 9:11-16**: "*And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy **all flesh**. And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.*" **Isaiah 54:9**: "*For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.*"

Also that the ordinances of heaven, the sun, moon, and stars, shall not depart, but always continue in their being, use, and influence. Now they have kept their course, or station, and have done their office, exactly and punctually, for six thousand years. You can set your watch by their work. **Jeremiah 31:35-36**: "*Thus saith the Lord, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the*

moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The Lord of hosts is his name: if those ordinances depart from before me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.” **Jeremiah 33:25**: “Thus saith the Lord; if my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; ...”.

Likewise that the revolutions of the time, and seasons of the year, should keep their constant course; that, “*while the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease,*” **Genesis 8:22**. So it has always been, and still is, in one part of the world or another, according to the different climates.

Remarkable was the faithfulness of God to the Jewish nation, in that their land required rain only at two seasons of the year, and God promised it to them, and which they always had. **Jeremiah 5:24**: “*Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the Lord our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.*” See **Deuteronomy 11:12-15**: “*And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commands which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all you soul, that I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn and thy wine, and time oil. And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full.*”

Whereas God has given reason to expect that his creatures should be preserved in their being, and provided for by him, with the necessaries of life; he has not left himself without a witness to his faithfulness, in all ages and nations. He gives rain from heaven and fruitful seasons; and so filling the hearts of his creatures with food and gladness. All of the eyes of the world wait upon him, and he gives them their meat in due season. **Acts 14:17**: “*Nevertheless he left not himself without a witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.*” Paul’s argument here at Lystra (where they spoke the Lycaonian’s language) was persuasive to them to leave off their mad purpose of worshipping Paul and Barnabas (I am looking forward to that little one named Barnabas, soon to be born...I can hear it now: “O, Barney!”). **Psalm 36:5-6**: “*Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds. Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O Lord, though preservest man and beast.*” **Psalm 145:15-16**: “*The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfies the desire of every living thing.*”

And from all this it may be strongly concluded, that whatsoever God has said concerning the world, which is yet to be fulfilled, shall be most certainly done. Check this out: **2 Peter 3:7-13**: “*But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not*

*slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be desolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be desolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.”*

Secondly, **The faithfulness of God appears in the fulfilment of what he has said with respect to Christ, and the salvation of men by him;** both of what he has said of him, and of what he has said to him: and, in fact, the faithfulness of God is displayed in Christ as in a mirror.

In the performance of what he has said of him:

- a. As that he should be born of a woman, **Genesis 3:15**. (“*And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*”).
- b. Be of the seed of Abraham, **Genesis 22:18**. (“*And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.*”).
- c. Spring from the tribe of Judah, **Genesis 49:10**. (“*The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.*”)
- d. Arise out of the family of David, **2 Samuel 7:12-13**. (“*And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.*”).
- e. Be born of a virgin at Bethlehem, **Micah 5:2 and Isaiah 7:14** (“*But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been of old, from everlasting.*”  
“*Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*”)
- f. Spend substantial time in Galilee, from whence he launched his preaching career (See **Isaiah 9:1-2** and **Matthew 4:13-16** for those details).
- g. Suffer.

**Psalm 22:1-31:** “*« To the chief Musician upon Aijeleth Shahar, A Psalm of David. » My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring? O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent. But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel. Our fathers trusted in thee: they*

*trusted, and thou didst deliver them. They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded. But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people. All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him. But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts. I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly. Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help. Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round. They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death. For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me. They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me. Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog. Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns. I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee. Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel. For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard. My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him. The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever. All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee. For the kingdom is the LORD'S: and he is the governor among the nations. All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul. A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation. They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this."*

h. Die.

**Isaiah 53:1-12:** *"Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased*

*the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.”*

i. And, work out the salvation of his people.

**Isaiah 25:9:** *“And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”*

**Isaiah 35:4:** *“Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.”*

**Isaiah 49:6:** *“And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.”*

All which has been fully accomplished, as you will read in these verses:

**Matthew 1:1, 18-23** *“The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. ... Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”*

**Matthew 2:5, 6, 8, 11, 22-23:** *“And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, ... And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. ... And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. ... And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother; and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. ... But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of*

*Galilee: ... And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.”*

**Matthew 4:13-16:** *“And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.”*

**Luke 1:68-72:** *“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant”.*

The actual accounts of his death on the cross in Matthew Chapter 27, Mark Chapter 15, Luke Chapter 23, and John Chapter 19.

**1 Corinthians 15:3:** *“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures.”*

I hope to expand upon this matter when we get together next time and you permit me to speak to you.

*“Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to be whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”* **Hebrews 13:20-21.** I love you.