

Sunday

August 9th, 2020

WHAT

**ANSWERS
GROUNDED**

&

**IN FAITH
AND HOPE**

WHY

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God is sovereign and providential .

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God is the source of absolute truth.

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God gives us meaning and purpose.

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I have hope because

**God provides a solution to
the basic problem of humanity** .

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**God has dealt with both our
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**I have hope because
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Psalm 100: 1-5

- 1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
- 2 Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!
- 3 Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us,
and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
- 4 Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!
Give thanks to Him; bless His name!
- 5 For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,
and His faithfulness to all generations.

He is faithful...
...it's His character.

Psalm 86: 1-15

- 1** Incline Your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.
- 2** Preserve my life, for I am godly; save Your servant,
who trusts in You--You are my God.
- 3** Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to You do I cry all the day.
- 4** Gladden the soul of your servant, for to You, O Lord,
do I lift up my soul.
- 5** For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon You.

6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.

7 In the day of my trouble I call upon You, for You answer me.

8 There is none like You among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like Yours.

9 All the nations you have made shall come and worship before
You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name.

10 For You are great and do wondrous things; You alone are God.

11 Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth;
unite my heart to fear Your name.

12 I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify Your name forever.

- 13** For great is Your steadfast love toward me;
You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
- 14** O God, insolent men have risen up against me;
a band of ruthless men seeks my life,
and they do not set You before them.
- 15** But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

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Lamentations 3:1-24

- 1** I am the man who has seen affliction under the rod of His wrath;
- 2** He has driven and brought me into darkness without any light;
- 3** surely against me He turns His hand again and again the whole day long.
- 4** He has made my flesh and my skin waste away;
He has broken my bones;
- 5** He has besieged and enveloped me with bitterness and tribulation;
- 6** He has made me dwell in darkness like the dead of long ago.

7 He has walled me about so that I cannot escape;

He has made my chains heavy;

8 though I call and cry for help, He shuts out my prayer;

9 He has blocked my ways with blocks of stones;

He has made my paths crooked.

10 He is a bear lying in wait for me, a lion in hiding;

11 He turned aside my steps and tore me to pieces;

He has made me desolate;

12 He bent his bow and set me as a target for His arrow.

13 He drove into my kidneys the arrows of His quiver;

14 I have become the laughingstock of all peoples,

the object of their taunts all day long.

15 He has filled me with bitterness; He has sated me with wormwood.

16 He has made my teeth grind on gravel, and made me cower in ashes;

17 my soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is;

18 so I say,

"My endurance has perished; so has my hope from the LORD."

19 Remember my affliction and my wanderings,

the wormwood and the gall!

20 My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me.

21 But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

22 The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;

His mercies never come to an end;

23 they are new every morning; **great is Your faithfulness.**

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