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The Faithfulness of the Lord

April has come, and with it, the new growth and beauty of Spring; days are getting longer, the grass is growing faster, and the dandelions in the yard have appeared out of nowhere. The season of yard work begins. April also brings both students and teachers looking forward to the end of the school year, and summer plans are starting to be made. The season of spring has arrived.

If it were up to me, I would extend the season of Fall and early Spring. I would ask September to be like October and June to be like May. Thinking about it, if it were up to me, I would just do away with summer and its heat and only have Fall, Winter, and Spring. Three seasons is enough, isn't it? But it is not up to me (thankfully). It is the Lord who has set the length of days that the seasons of each year. Even though there have been some years with the winter feeling colder or the fall seeming shorter, every year has its seasons because God has made it so.

Not only this, but He has also set the time the sun rises and sets. The book of Jeremiah describes this Faithfulness of God as a covenant he has made with the day and night (Jeremiah 33:20). A covenant that He has kept so perfectly that we can predict the exact moment the sun will rise in the future and know the exact moment that it will set. No one doubts the yearly seasons, let alone the rising of the sun each and every morning. These events never change.

In Jeremiah 33, the Lord tells us to look at His perfect faithfulness to His covenant with the day and night, and he asks us to have even more assurance and

trust in His Covenant with David. This is how it reads in Jeremiah 33, *“Thus says the LORD: If you can break my covenant with the day and my covenant with the night, so that day and night will not come at their appointed time, then also my covenant with David my servant may be broken, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and my covenant with the Levitical priests my ministers. As the host of heaven cannot be numbered and the sands of the sea cannot be measured, so I will multiply the offspring of David my servant, and the Levitical priests who minister to me (Jeremiah 33:20-22).”*



The Covenant of David is about the Messiah, the savior who is both King and Priest. Jesus is the fulfillment of this Covenant with David, and we, those who follow Jesus, are the offspring of David as well as being the Levitical priests who minister in

His name (see 1 Peter 2:9). Once again, the Lord has shown Himself to be perfectly faithful to His promises.

Thus, as we embrace the beauty of Spring, let us do so remembering the unchanging faithfulness of our God. Just as the sun rises each morning and the seasons transition as they should, so too can we trust in the promises of our Lord. May we find assurance in His unyielding love and grace, knowing that just as surely as Spring follows Winter, our hope in Christ remains steadfast and sure.

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up (Galatians 6:9).”

Grace and Peace,
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