**Good morning everyone on this our Harvest Thanksgiving Service - with a difference!**

We cant have a Harvest presentation in church – so we will have Harvest Home, at home I would love you to troll through the photos received from many different folks from church that help focus our attention on our thoughts for today.

**Title -** [***His Loving Faithfulness Endures Forever***](https://biblehub.com/bsb-strongs/psalms/136.htm)

***Let’s hear a Song - We plough the fields and scatter***

1. We plough the fields and scatter The good seed on the land, But it is fed and watered
By God’s almighty hand: He sends the snow in winter, The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes, and the sunshine, And soft, refreshing rain.
	* *Refrain:* All good gifts around us Are sent from heav’n above;
	Then thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord, For all His love.
2. He only is the Maker Of all things near and far; He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star; The winds and waves obey Him, By Him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, His children, He gives our daily bread.
3. We thank Thee then, O Father, For all things bright and good, The seedtime and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food; Accept the gifts we offer For all Thy love imparts,
And what Thou most desirest— Our humble, thankful hearts.

**Prayer**

**Scripture reading**

**Genesis 8 21** When the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, He said in His heart, “Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from his youth. And never again will I destroy all living creatures as I have done. **22**[As long as](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/5750.htm) [the earth](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/776.htm) [endures,](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/3117.htm) [seedtime](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/2233.htm) [and harvest,](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/7105.htm) [cold](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/7120.htm) [and heat,](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/2527.htm) [summer](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/7019.htm) [and winter,](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/2779.htm) [day](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/3117.htm) [and night](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/3915.htm) [shall never](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/3808.htm) [cease.”](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/7673.htm)

1. **Looking back at Noah** – God reflects on the event, as the Ark settled on Mount Ararat, Noah built an Alter and burnt approved sacrifices to God.

A very clinical point in Noah’s obedience to God – verse 20 Noah was a man of obedience!

This comes as a pleasing Aroma to God, when we follow Gods planned arrangements for our lives. If you turn to 2 Corinthians 2:14 -16

So our lives when lived in obedience to God are like that sacrifice back in Genesis 8 a Sweet smelling aroma.

We concluded our Discipleship for all course on Thursday, with some songs chosen by those in our Zoom meeting, one which stands out is that of “Trust and Obey”

1 When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain: - Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

2 Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he doth richly repay;
not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. [Refrain]

3 But we never can prove the delights of his love until all on the altar we lay;
for the favour he shows, for the joy he bestows, are for them who will trust and obey. [Refrain]

4 Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do, where he sends we will go; never fear, only trust and obey. [Refrain]

If you need the notes please speak to me and I will send them to you.

1. **Gods Promise!**

The basis of Gods Promise is contained in verse 21 b. “Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from his youth. And never again will I destroy all living creatures as I have done. What a gracious God we have!

This promise of God is visible even today as we often see – when a rainbow appears in the sky it reminds of this time in Geneses 8 and then specifically in Chapter 9 15 -17

We never know of a promise God has ever broken! Even when we suffer agonising hardship!

This reassurance builds our faith and Hope in God!

 **Corrie Ten Boom recalls** – she said the most terrible experience she had encountered in a concentration camp, was when they stripped them naked, we had to stand naked miserable, ashamed and bitterly cold. I said to my sister Bestie, I cannot bear this, it was worse than all other cruelties that we were subjected to. Suddenly it was then and there it was as if I saw Christ Jesus on the cross. The Bible tells us they took his garments, he hung there naked for me! I understand the affliction of the suffering of Christ Jesus. It made me thankful that I could bear my suffering – A love so amazing, so divine, demands (shall have) my life, my soul my all.

**What a pleasing Aroma to God!**

1. This is the detail of Gods Promise!

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We often reflect and especially during the last few years of Brexit and then Covid 19, say the devil is in the detail. And we search for the hidden messages to emphasise the points!

But – with God there are no hidden agendas nor are there any hidden details!

Everything is clear and visible; nothing is left to confusion!
That only occurs when we muddy the waters of teaching the word of God. When we water down and dilute the Word of God, we weaken the impact of Gods Word and lose sight of His Promise to us!

Seed time and Harvest – Cold and heat – summer and winter day and night shall never cease.

[***His Loving Faithfulness Endures Forever***](https://biblehub.com/bsb-strongs/psalms/136.htm) Psalm 136 **25**He gives food to every creature. His loving devotion endures forever. **26** [Give thanks](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/3034.htm) [to the God](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/410.htm) [of heaven!](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/8064.htm) [**His loving devotion**](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/2617.htm)[**endures forever.**](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/5769.htm)

Hymn – Great is Thy faithfulness

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| 1 | “Great is Thy faithfulness,” O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee;Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be. |
|   | “Great is Thy faithfulness!” “Great is Thy faithfulness!” Morning by morning new mercies I see;All I have needed Thy hand hath provided— “Great is Thy faithfulness,” Lord, unto me! |
| 2 | Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. |
| 3 | Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! |

**Amen**

May God be with you all and be to you all that you stand in need of, now and always. You are held high in our prayers and much in our thoughts, during these challenging times, and pray you get the comfort and companionship you need to face each day, from God Almighty!

Remember Footprints! And be blessed

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Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,
especially at the very lowest and saddest times, there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it. "Lord, you said once I decided to follow you, You'd walk with me all the way. But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life, there was only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you
Never, ever, during your trials and testing’s. When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."

Psalm 136

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