

Renegade, Rulership and Relief

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Based Upon Psalm 119:89-91

"Your eternal word, O Lord, stands firm in heaven. Your faithfulness extends to every generation, as enduring as the earth you created. Your regulations remain true to this day, for everything serves your plans" (Psalm 119:89-91, NLT).

One thing I have learned about myself over the years is that I love consistency. I love being able to rely on certain predictable factors in life. I like getting up at the same time each morning. I like knowing that my keys and other pocket contents will be where I have left them each day. I like going to the same gas station every week. I enjoy keeping promises. I like saying what I mean and people being able to rest assured that I would come through for them. This is why I never overcommit. Some may call this rigid, but it gives me a sense of balance.

With this love of structure, I often thank God for being consistent with me. I love that when He makes promises, He always keeps them. I love that the sun remains in its place. I love that the evening always precedes the morning. I love that when women are pregnant, their labor will always come to an end. I love that what goes up on earth, will eventually come down. Our God is not rigid or bound by our perceptions of outcomes, yet He does give us enough upon which to establish faith in Him.

Our focus text this morning highlights the faithfulness of God. The psalmist said this faithfulness endures from generation-to-generation. Then he equates the Most High's enduring faithfulness to the establishment of the earth God created. Everything seen and unseen serves the purposes of God, even when we don't understand how. If the Lord is able to show faithfulness in keeping this renegade planet in motion with no collisions in outer space, He is well able to keep us in His care. If He is able to consistently provide seedtime and harvest on earth, He is able to instill His Spirit into our lives and we live fruitfully. If He is able to limit the destruction of hurricanes, tornadoes, and earthquakes in order that the whole earth is not destroyed, He can limit the storms that rage in our lives. Our trials sometimes toss us about, but God always provides relief when we trust in Him.

Let's be thankful for the fact that He who has established the earth, can establish love and victory in our lives. Let's be thankful that He who consistently keeps nature in check even when it appears to get out of hand for a time, can carry us through our struggles. There will come a day, when He will demonstrate faithfulness and keep another promise. "For still a little while (a very little while), and the Coming One will come and He will not delay" (Hebrews 10:37, AMP). "Even so it is that Christ, having been offered to take upon Himself and bear as a burden the sins of many once and once for all, will appear a second time, not to carry any burden of sin nor to deal with sin, but to bring to full salvation those who are [eagerly, constantly, and patiently] waiting for and expecting Him." (Hebrews 9:28, AMP). Amen.