

**Things That Matter**  
**Beautiful Produce in an Age of Crop**  
**Failure**

8: "On Faithfulness"

**Psalm 89:1-2**

"<sup>1</sup> I will sing of the lovingkindness  
of the Lord forever;  
To all generations I will make known  
Your faithfulness with my mouth.  
<sup>2</sup> For I have said, 'Lovingkindness  
will be built up forever;  
In the heavens You will establish  
Your faithfulness.'"

**Lamentations 3:21-23, 31-32**

"<sup>21</sup> This I recall to my mind,  
Therefore I have hope.  
<sup>22</sup> The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed  
never cease,  
For His compassions never fail.  
<sup>23</sup> They are new every morning;  
Great is Your faithfulness.  
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<sup>31</sup> For the Lord will not reject forever,  
<sup>32</sup> For if He causes grief,  
Then He will have compassion  
According to His abundant lovingkindness."

**Proverbs 20:6**

"<sup>6</sup> Many a man proclaims his own loyalty,  
But who can find a trustworthy man?"

**Daniel 6:1-4**

"<sup>1</sup> It seemed good to Darius to appoint 120 satraps over the kingdom, that they would be in charge of the whole kingdom, <sup>2</sup> and over them three commissioners (of whom Daniel was one), that these satraps might be accountable to them, and that the king might not suffer loss. <sup>3</sup> Then this Daniel began distinguishing himself among the commissioners and satraps because he possessed an extraordinary spirit,

and the king planned to appoint him over the entire kingdom. <sup>4</sup> Then the commissioners and satraps began trying to find a ground of accusation against Daniel in regard to government affairs; but they could find no ground of accusation or evidence of corruption, inasmuch as he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption was to be found in him."

**II Samuel 15:1-6**

“<sup>1</sup> Now it came about after this that Absalom provided for himself a chariot and horses and fifty men as runners before him. <sup>2</sup> Absalom used to rise early and stand beside the way to the gate; and when any man had a suit to come to the king for judgment, Absalom would call to him and say, ‘From what city are you?’ And he would say, ‘Your servant is from one of the tribes of Israel.’ <sup>3</sup> Then Absalom would say to him, ‘See, your claims are good and right, but no man listens to you on the part of the king.’”

<sup>4</sup> Moreover, Absalom would say, ‘Oh that one would appoint me judge in the land, then every man who has any suit or cause could come to me and I would give him justice.’ <sup>5</sup>

And when a man came near to prostrate himself before him, he would put out his hand and take hold of him and kiss him. <sup>6</sup> In this manner Absalom dealt with all Israel who came to the king for judgment; so Absalom stole away the hearts of the men of Israel.”

**Psalm 12:1-2**

“<sup>1</sup> Help, Lord, for the godly man ceases to be,  
For the faithful disappear  
from among the sons of men.  
<sup>2</sup> They speak falsehood to one another;  
With flattering lips  
and with a double heart they speak.”

**Leviticus 19:11**

“<sup>11</sup> You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another.”

**Proverbs 10:26**

“<sup>26</sup> Like vinegar to the teeth  
and smoke to the eyes,  
So is the lazy one to those  
who send him.”

**Psalm 15:1-4**

“<sup>15</sup> O Lord, who may abide in Your tent?  
Who may dwell on Your holy hill?  
<sup>2</sup> He who walks with integrity,  
and works righteousness,  
And speaks truth in his heart.  
<sup>3</sup> He does not slander with his tongue,  
Nor does evil to his neighbor,  
Nor takes up a reproach against his friend;  
<sup>4</sup> In whose eyes a reprobate is despised,  
But who honors those who fear the Lord;  
He swears to his own hurt  
and does not change.”

**Revelation 2:10**

“<sup>10</sup> Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”

**Matthew 25:21**

“<sup>21</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’”