

Title: Fixing our eyes

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*Who is this God who rules the heavens
Who measures oceans in His hands
Who made all creatures for His pleasure
And from the dust created man*

*Who conceived imagination
Whose justice is our cornerstone
Who governs history just by speaking
And calls the nations as His own*

*None like You, no other God
Our eyes are on You
Immortal, enthroned in light
We fix our eyes on You*

*How gracious is Your heart toward us
How absolute Your providence
How jealously You love and keep us
Under the shadow of Your wings*

*We fix our eyes on You
We fix our eyes on You
We fix our eyes on You
You're holding our complete attention*

Thankful and testifying lips

Psalm 40:9 ⁹ I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.¹⁰ I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

A loving and faithful Centre

Psalm 40:11 ¹¹As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

Ever changing circumstances

Psalm 40:12 ⁶ For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me.

Fixing our eyes on The Word leads to increase in faith, hope and trust

“These statements (about God) are important because, when we read the Word, what we actually end up considering is whether or not we can really trust the Lord.”

Behold, YouVersion Reading Plan

Behold His Faithfulness

2 Timothy 2:13

Hope from the reality of sin

Even though sin is still a reality and we are far from perfect, we know He is perfectly faithful even when our faithfulness waxes and wanes

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Hope for sanctification

When God promises to sanctify us and prepare us to meet Him upon His return, His faithfulness guarantees this will come to pass. ²³Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it

1 Peter 4:19

Hope in suffering

Though pain may abound, the safest place we can be found is in the hands of a “faithful Creator”.

'Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. '

Hebrews 2:17

"Hope in death

The cross of Christ shows us Jesus, our faithful High Priest, who has atoned for our sins and guaranteed for us an eternal future with Him.

If you love Me, keep My commandments. Therefore, *it was essential that* He had to be made like His brothers (mankind) in every respect, so that He might [by experience] become a merciful and faithful High Priest in things related to God, to make atonement (propitiation) for the people's sins [thereby wiping away the sin, satisfying divine justice, and providing a way of reconciliation between God and mankind.

Think it over

In 3 minutes “recall” the faithfulness of God in your life.
Make a list.

Action it

Think of one way in which you can express and demonstrate your thankfulness.

Talk it over

Pray with someone a prayer of thanksgiving and ask God for wisdom and strength to grow in expressive thankfulness