

The Steadfast Love of the LORD

The Days of Old

Psalm 44:1-3 ESV O God, we have **heard** with our ears, our fathers have **told** us, what deeds **you** performed in their days, in the days of old: 2 **you with your own hand** drove out the nations, but them **you** planted; **you** afflicted the peoples, but them **you** set free; 3 for not by their own sword did they win the land, nor did their own arm save them, but **your** right hand and **your** arm, and the light of **your** face, ***for you delighted in them.***

Those Stories of Old Still Stir Our Faith Today

Psalm 44:5-7 ESV Through **you** we push down our foes; through **your** name we tread down those who rise up against us. 6 For not in **my** bow do I trust, nor can **my** sword save me. 7 But **you** have saved us from our foes and have put to shame those who hate us.

Sometimes Present Reality Does Not Look Like What I Expected or Match My Faith

Psalm 44:9-11 ESV But you have **rejected** us and **disgraced** us and **have not gone out** with our armies. 10 You have **made us turn back** from the foe, and **those who hate us** have gotten spoil. 11 You have made us like sheep for slaughter and have scattered us among the nations...

Even Though We Have Been Faithful

Psalm 44:17-25 ESV All this has come upon us, though **we have not forgotten you**, and **we have not been false to your covenant**. 18 Our heart has not turned back, nor have our steps departed from your way; 19 yet you have broken us in the place of jackals and covered us with the shadow of death. 20 If we had forgotten the name of our God or spread out our hands to a foreign god, 21 would not God discover this? For he knows the secrets of the heart. **22 Yet for your sake we are killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.** 23 Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord? Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever! 24 Why do you hide your face? Why do you forget our affliction and oppression? 25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust; our belly clings to the ground. 26 Rise up; come to our help! ***Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love!***

In Romans, Paul Speaks of this Psalm and Reminds us of the Steadfast Love of God

Rom 8:35-39 ESV ***Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?*** Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 No, ***in all these things*** we are more than conquerors through ***him who loved us.*** 38 For ***I am sure*** that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, **nor things present nor things to come**, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, **nor anything else in all creation**, will be able to separate us from ***the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

This Truth

Lam 3:14-26 ESV I have become the laughingstock of all peoples, the object of their taunts all day long. 15 He has filled me with bitterness; he has sated me with wormwood. 16 He has made my teeth grind on gravel, and made me cower in ashes; 17 my soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is; 18 so I say, "My endurance has perished; so has my hope from the LORD." 19 Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall! 20 My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. 21 ***But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:*** 22 The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.