God’s Mercies are New Every Morning!

Nestled in the foothills of the Pyrenees, in Southern France, is a lovely little village, Saint-Jean-Pla-de-Corts. One year my husband and I were blessed to vacation there. In the mornings, at the start of each new day, we could hear roosters singing their distinctive morning song, echoing throughout the valley. We loved hearing them. It sounded like a daily announcement, waking us up, reminding us, HIS MERCIES ARE NEW EVERY MORNING!

“***It is of the LORD’S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.”(Lam. 3: 22,23)***

Those words were written by Jeremiah in the book of Lamentations. The subject of that five chapter book is given in its name, “Lament”ations. *It is a collection of five poems or songs mourning and lamenting the conquest of Jerusalem and the Kingdom of Judah. The book is a remarkable written work because the first four of the five poems are written as acrostics. The twenty-two letters of the Hebrew alphabet are used in succession to begin the lines and section of those songs. (H.L. Ellison)*

In Jeremiah’s writing, in Lamentations, it is clear that he is in the absolute pit of despair. His grief is almost unbearable. Then, in Chapter 3:21 *“This I recall to my mind, therefore have I* ***hope****.”* He is recalling the Lord’s mercies, his compassions, and his faithfulness, that they are new every morning. This gives him HOPE.

The word *mercies* is transliterated *HESED/HESEDAI* (Strongs H2617), from the Hebrew text. It means: mercy, goodness, kindness, faithfulness, and favor. “*It is of the LORD’S mercies that we are not consumed”.* Jeremiah knew that God could have easily consumed all of Israel. That is what they deserved, and yet He preserved them. There was life, and where there is life, there is hope.

Even in our darkest moments of grief and despair we can have real hope. We have breath, we have not been consumed. God has preserved us and He has purpose for us. He desires to show us His love through mercies. We can rely on a faithful God.

If you have ever lived around roosters you know that they are faithful to sing each and every morning!! How much more faithful is our precious heavenly Father, each day to show us his tender, loving kindness, by displaying his mercies, which are new every morning!