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Because God is Loyal and Faithful

***Daniel 9:4 – I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed: “Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments,***

The beginning of this powerful prayer found in Daniel, chapter nine, reminds us all of who our God really is. He is great. This Hebrew term, *haggadol* literally means the greatest. Many years ago, professional boxer Muhammad Ali professed that he was “the greatest boxer of all time.” Although he was quite good, he was eventually beaten. No one is great except God. The second word for awesome is *vehannovra* which means to fear or stand in complete awe. When we think of who God really is, it should bring us to this point that Daniel was making. There is no one else that could truly hold this perfect title: great and awesome!

What is so magnificent about this statement is that it is followed by one of complete faithfulness and loyalty to those who love him and keep His commands. As we saw yesterday, 2 Tim. 2:13 reminds us ***“If we are faithless, He remains faithful; for He cannot deny Himself.”*** I’m so glad that He is and will always be **FAITHFUL**. There will never be a time where He doesn’t stand by what He has said. There will never be an instance where He decides to do something different. He is absolutely steadfast and loyal to His own character.

This is the One and only God Who we can stand on. He is our rock and our foundation. He cannot be moved. He shall not be mocked. He is and will always be our loving, and faithful Father. And the best part about that is that He loves us, even when we are not faithful. He loves us with His *agape* love. It is not *“I love you if...”* or *“I love you because...”* It’s *“I love you.... period!”*

**Dear Lord, loyal and steadfast Father, thank You for Your steadfastness to us. You are the Rock and Our Redeemer. We can count on You always. In Jesus name, AMEN**