## **God's Mysterious Love**

How often have you heard a non-believer ask,
"How can a loving God..." do or not do this-or-that?
God gets a lot of undeserved blame for
problems caused by human sin.

But it's true that our loving God doesn't always do what we expect Him to do.

We expect Him to spare us from

pain and struggle and

sorrowful loss.

And sometimes He does -

probably more times than we know.

But sometimes He doesn't.

How are we to respond to such disappointments?

What do we do when God's love –

His mysterious love –

doesn't do what we expect?

Let's let God speak for Himself:

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me. (Psalm 23:4, NASB)

All the paths of the Lord are faithfulness and truth
To those who comply with His covenant and His testimonies.
(Psalm 25:10, NASB)

Wait for the Lord; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the Lord. (Psalm 27:14, NASB)

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8-9, NASB)

"I have loved you with an everlasting love." (Jeremiah 31:3, NASB)

The Lord's acts of mercy indeed do not end,
For His compassions do not fail.
They are new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness.
"The Lord is my portion," says my soul,
"Therefore I wait for Him."
The Lord is good to those who await Him,
To the person who seeks Him.
It is good that he waits silently
For the salvation of the Lord." (Lamentations 3:22-26, NASB)

We know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28, NASB)

Oh, the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! (Romans 11:33, NASB)

You will not always understand what God

does or

doesn't do.

His wisdom and

His perspective are

far greater and

far higher than our own.

They are eternal and all-encompassing.

His love is purer and more selfless.

But you can always trust that He is acting in perfect wisdom and perfect love.

Always.

**Hymn:** God's Mysterious Love

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