

Jehovah  
Will Give  
What Is Good

Psalm 85

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Luke 11:13

- Luke 11:11-13 (ESV) 11 What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; 12 or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?  
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- Hebrews 12:5-11 (ESV) 5 And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. 6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” 7 It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 8 If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. 9 Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. 11 For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.


Jehovah



- 1 LORD, you were favorable to your land;
- you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

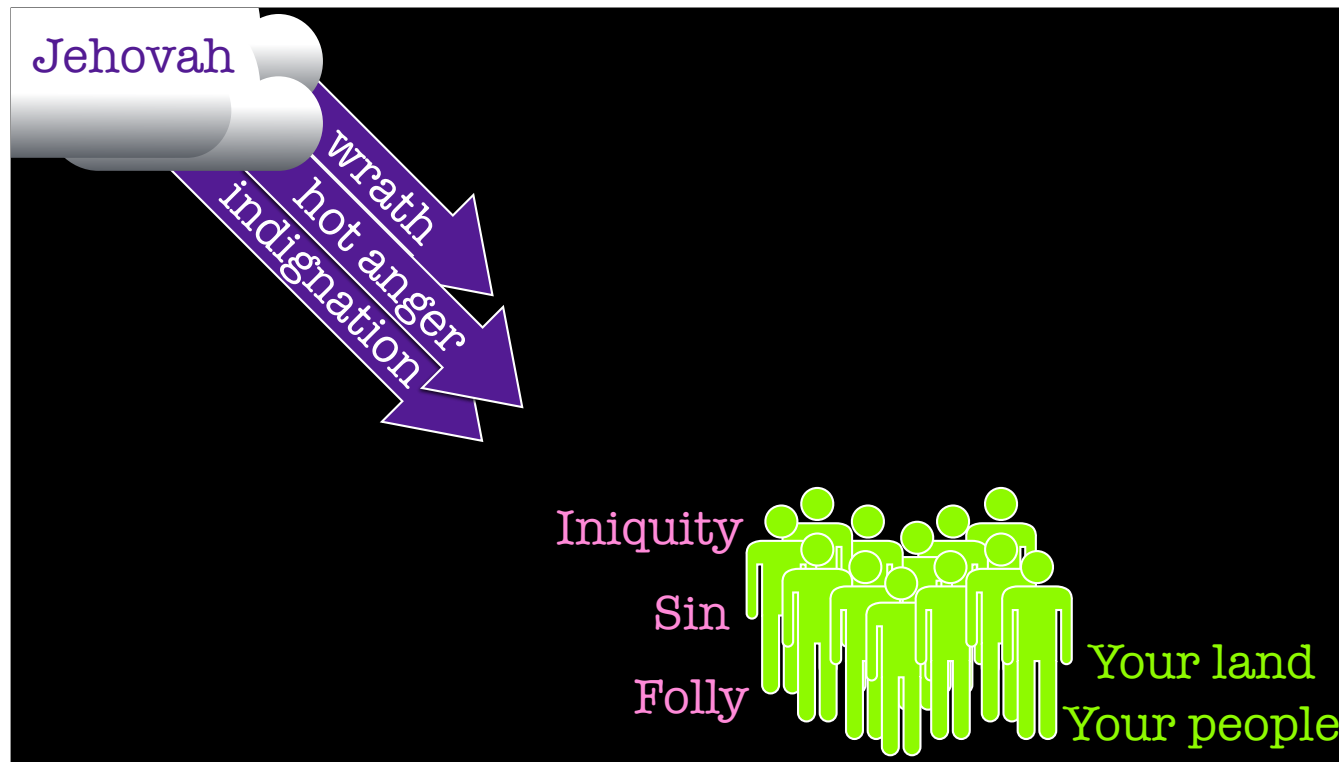
Jehovah

Iniquity  
Sin  
Folly



Your land  
Your people

- 2 You forgave the iniquity of your people;
  - you covered all their sin. Selah
- 8 but let them not turn back to folly.



- 3 You withdrew all your wrath;
- you turned from your hot anger.
- 4 and put away your indignation toward us!

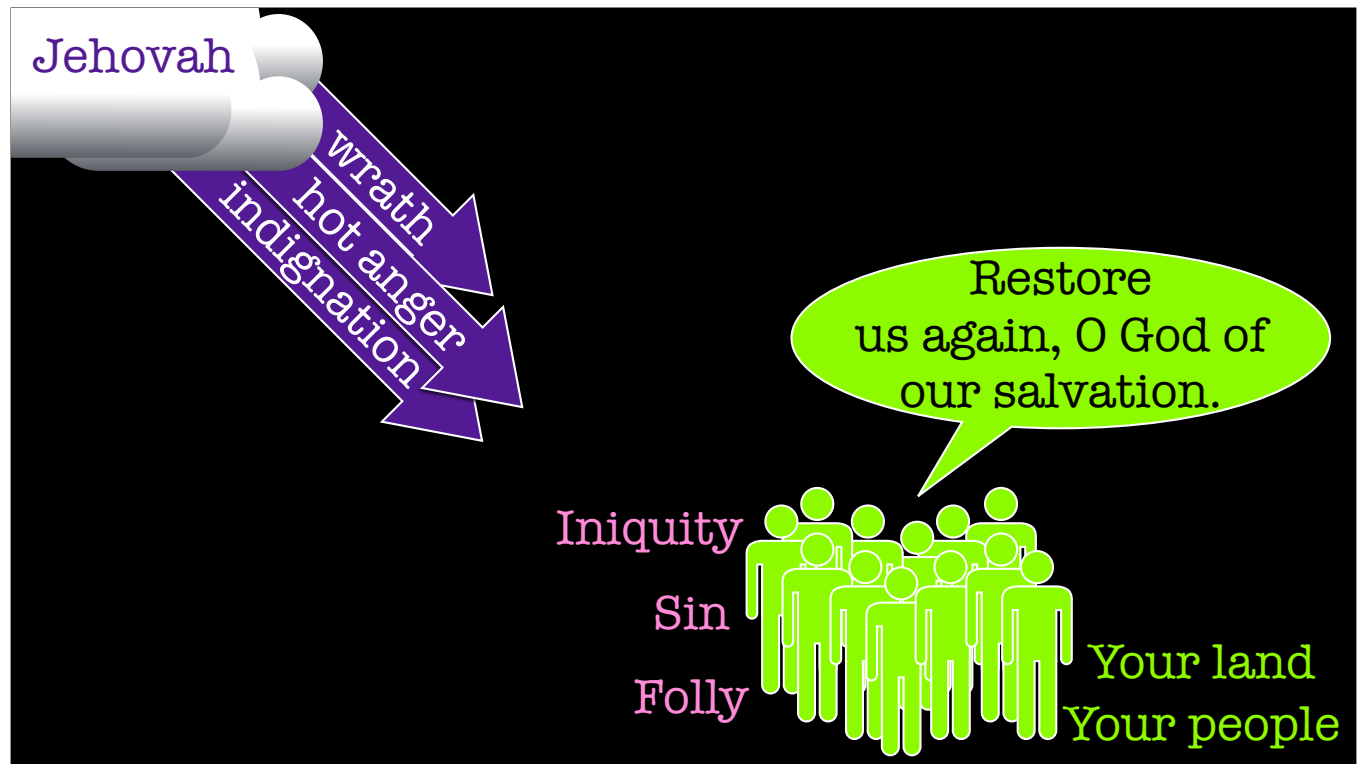


- 5 Will you be angry with us forever?

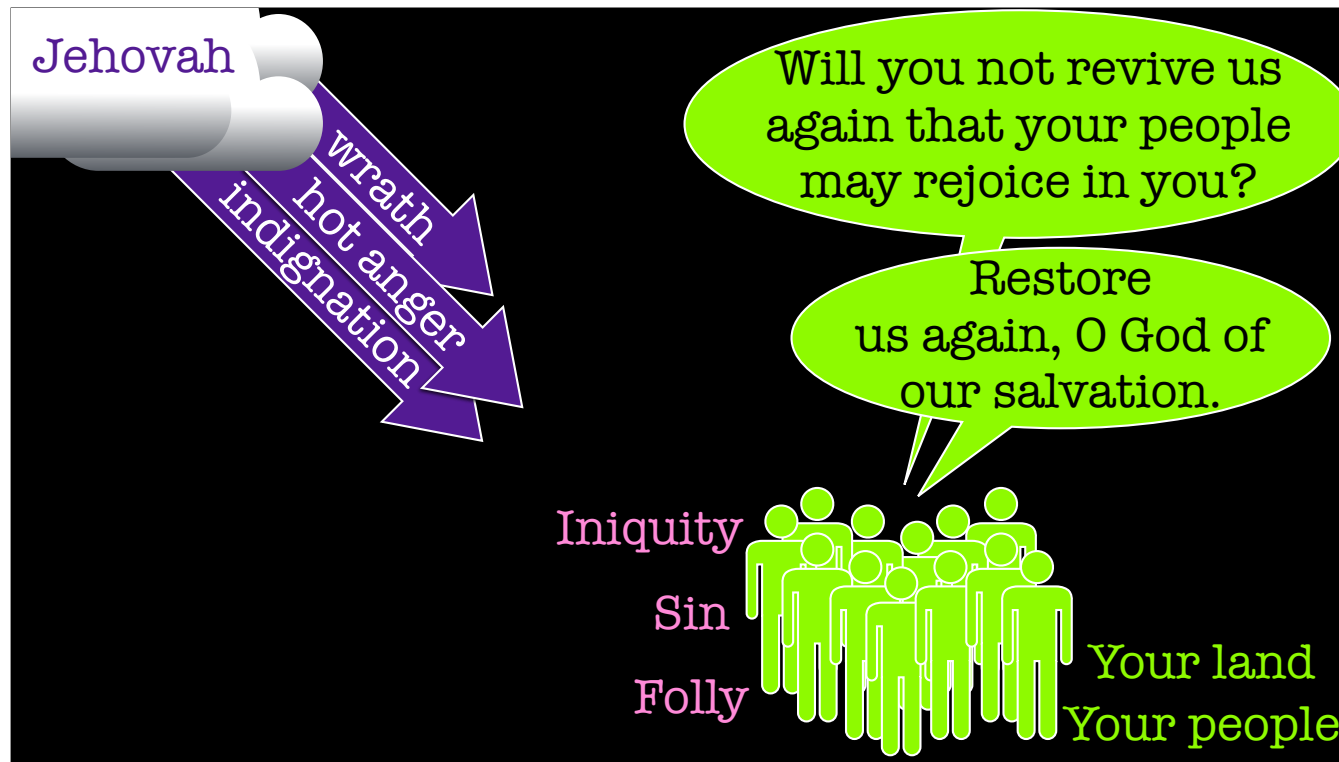


- 5 Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

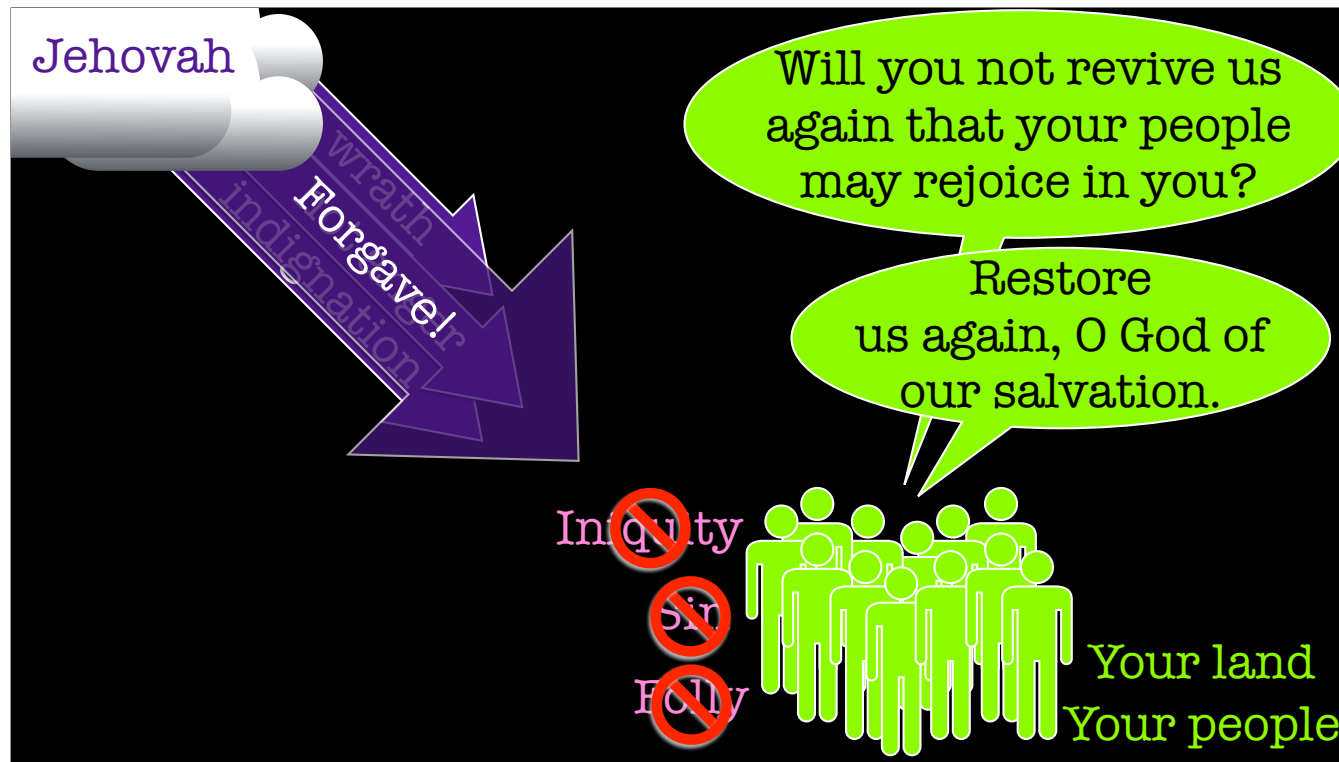




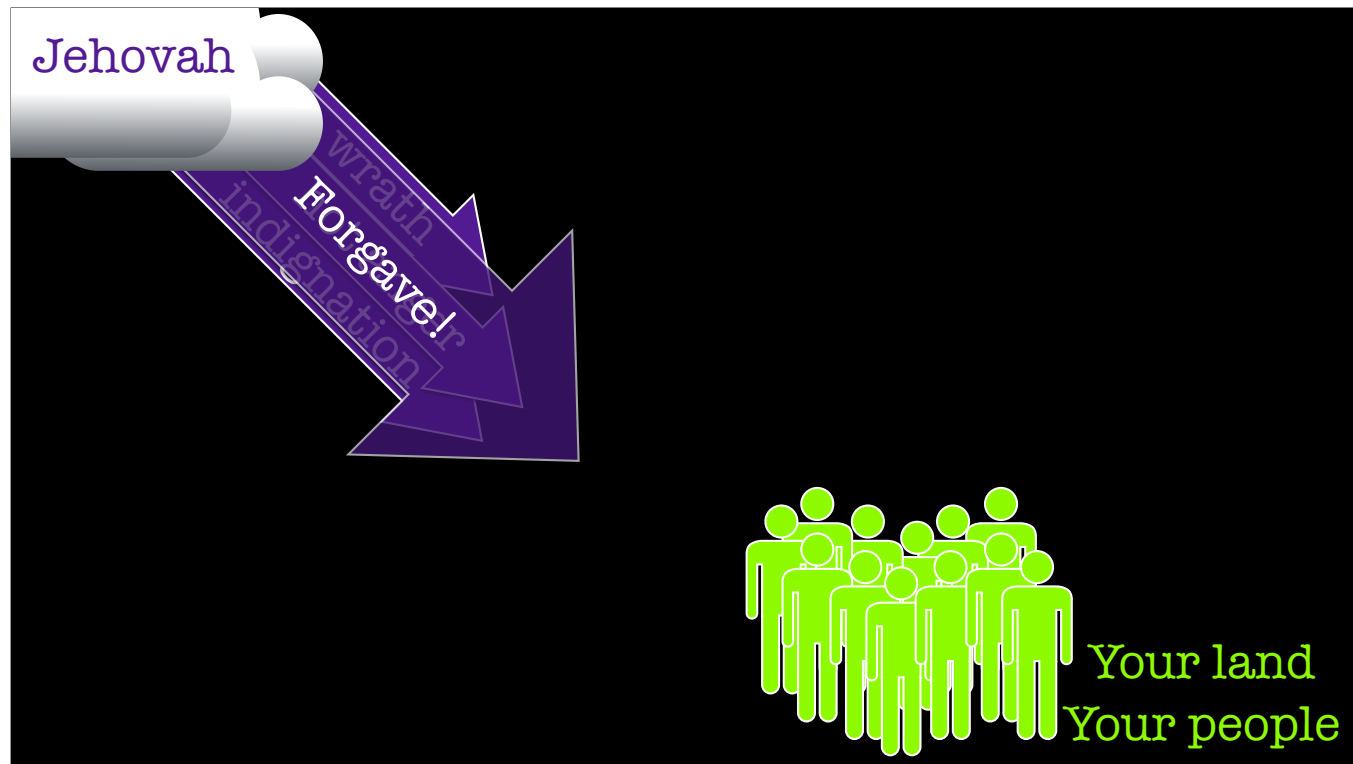
- 4 Restore us again, O God of our salvation,



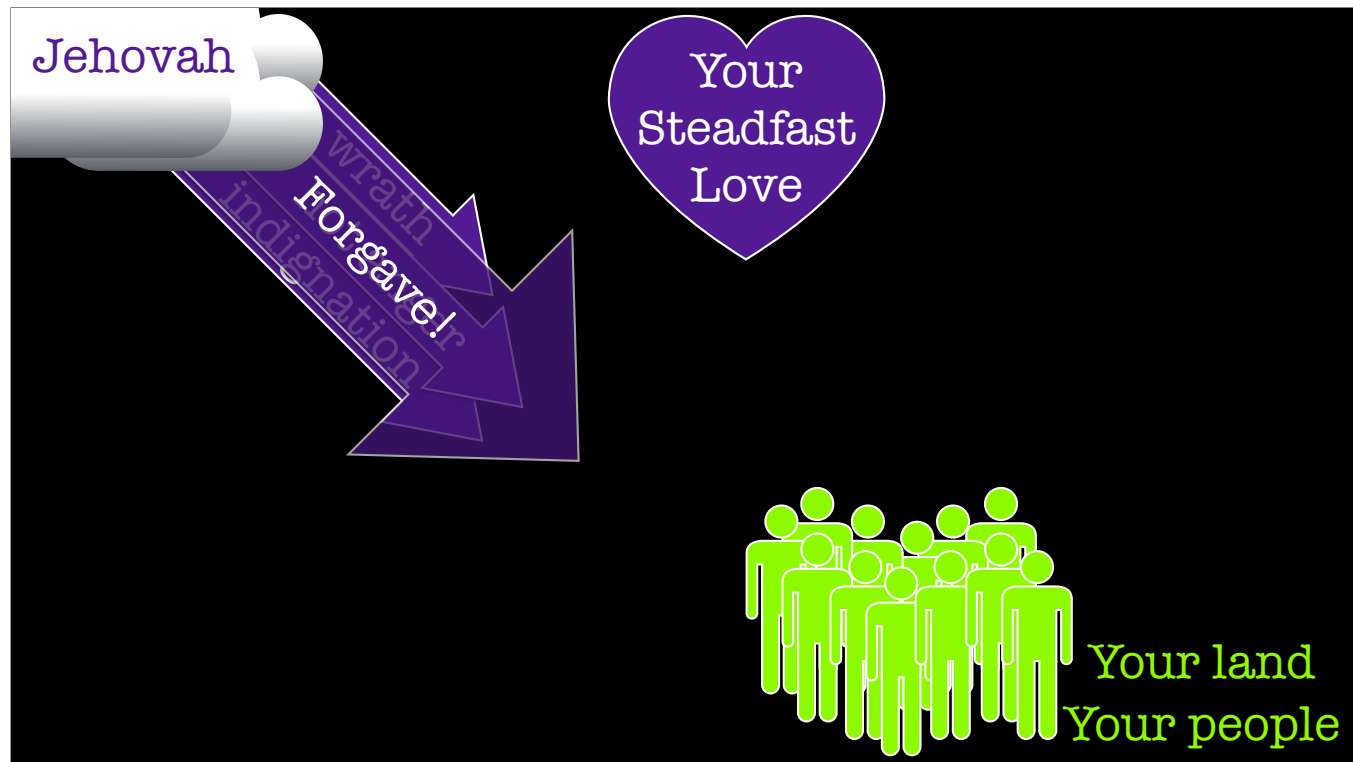
- 6 Will you not revive us again,
- that your people may rejoice in you?



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- The beauty of forgiveness



- 7 Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
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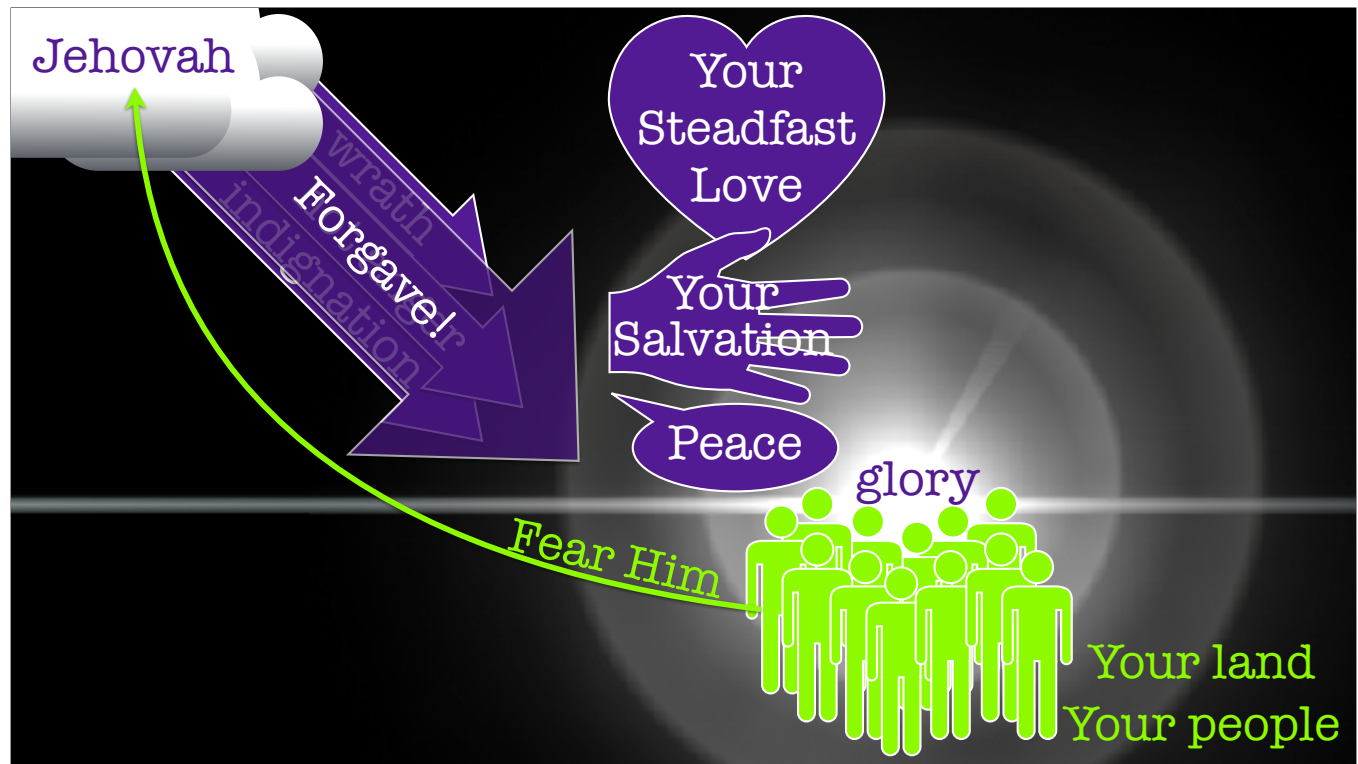


- 8 Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
- for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;



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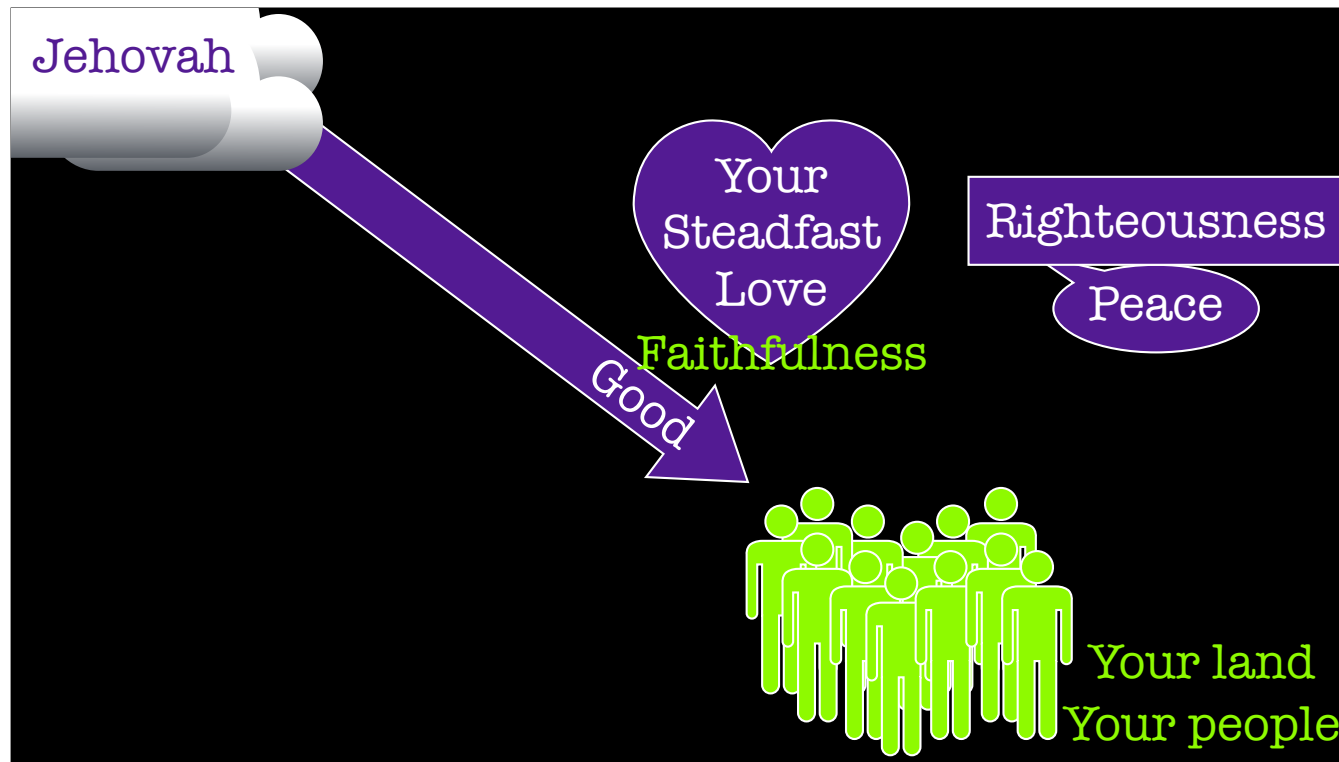
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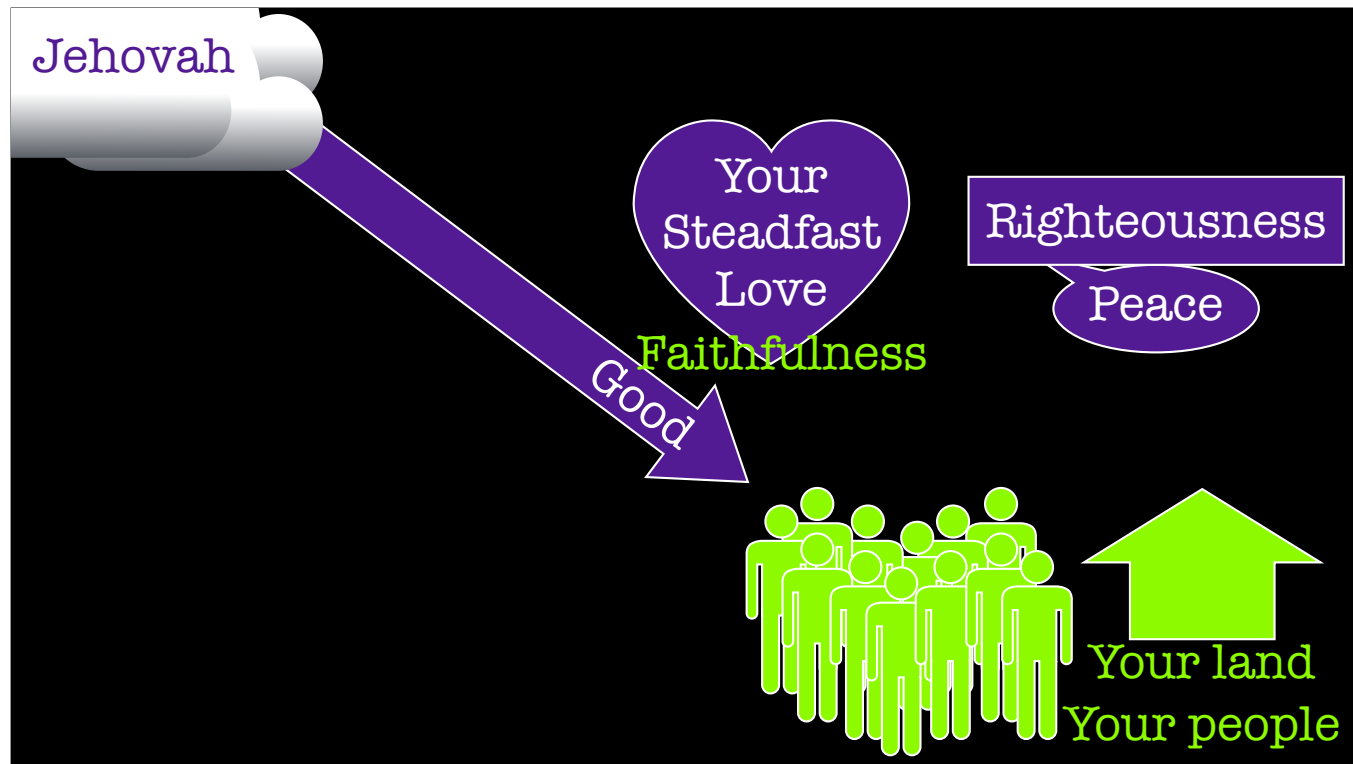
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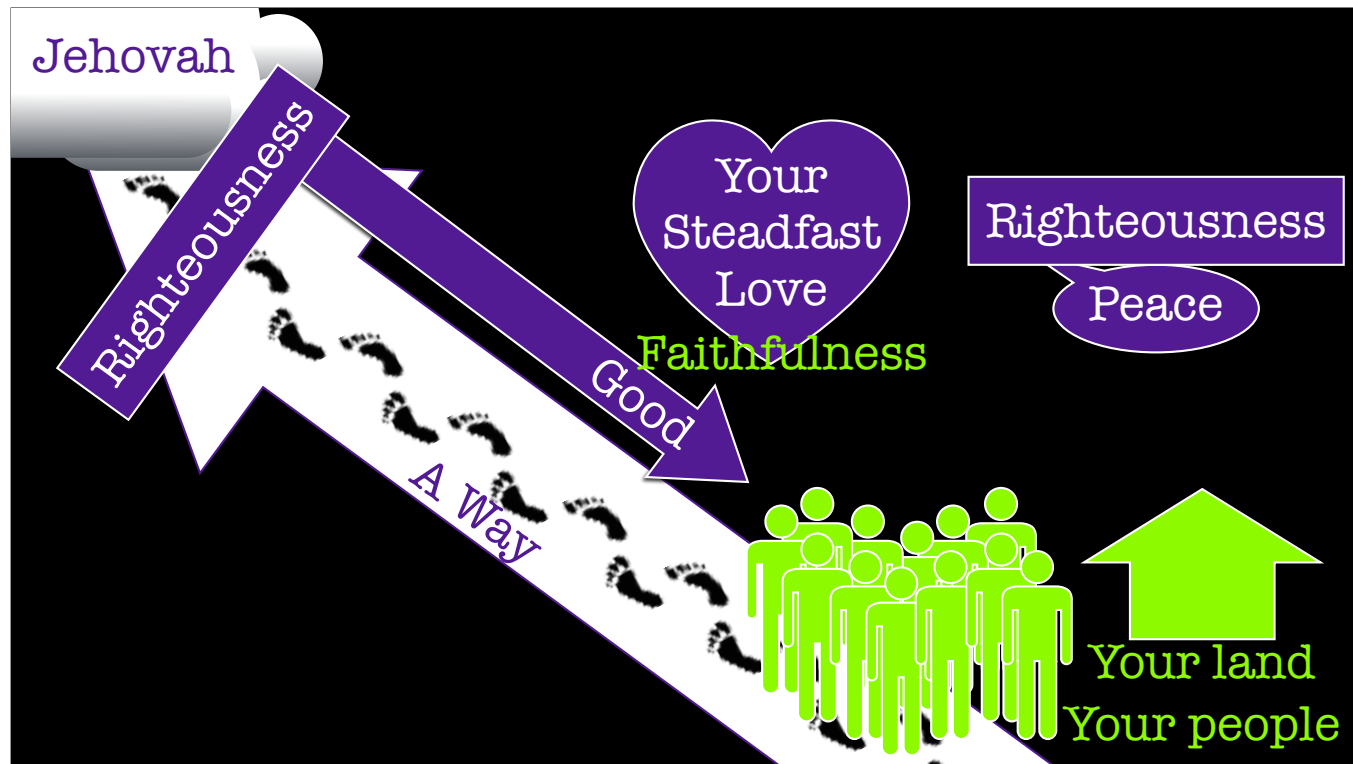
- 11 Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
- and righteousness looks down from the sky.



- 12 Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
- and our land will yield its increase.



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- 13 Righteousness will go before him
- and make his footsteps a way.

## Broken Relationship With God

- Past: Favor and Fortune (1)
- Broken Relationship
  - Sin & Iniquity



## Broken Relationship With God

- Folly (NET: foolish ways)
  - (CWSB Dictionary) In Psalm 85:8[9], on the other hand, God warned His restored people not to return to their former folly. In that verse, the word refers to sluggish foolishness that is no longer alive to the fear of God.
  - (ESV Study Bible Notes) At the same time, the psalmist prays, let them not turn back to folly; i.e., the people who are appealing to God's benevolence should make sure that their repentance is genuine, and that they really do aim for faithfulness and really intend not to repeat the folly (moral stupidity) that provoked God's anger.

## Broken Relationship With God

- Is folly the same as sin and iniquity?
  - Romans 1:21-23 (ESV) 21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.
    - Romans 1:24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,

## Broken Relationship With God

- It really begins with how we choose to see God, or change our view of God to something we want.
- Confident that we are right
- Leads to following after lusts
- The point is that it is our folly that breaks our relationship with God even before we sin.
  - We turn our thoughts to self, or we give credence to things other than God,
    - thus not honoring him (respecting who he is)
    - or thanking him (acknowledge what he has done for us).

## Broken Relationship With God

- Wrath, Anger, Hot Indignation
- Angry forever, prolonged
  - Why does it feel like God's anger is too long?
  - Once we realize our sin, we want God to just immediately stop being angry that we've dishonored him?
  - Does your anger instantly abate? Even for much lesser infractions?

## Hoping for Restoration

- Hoping for Restoration (Repentance)
  - God's Wrath is real, and sometimes devastating
    - But it's there for a reason.
  - Restore us again (4)
    - to turn back, bring home again
    - Psalm 23:3: He restores my soul
    - Psalm 51:12-13
  - Revive (6): bring to life
  - Rejoicing (6)

## Hoping for Restoration

- Steadfast Love (7, 10)
- Righteousness (11)

## Hoping for Restoration

- Psalms 126

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
- 2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;
- then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."
- 3 The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.
- 4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!
- 5 Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!
- 6 He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
- shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

## Hoping for Restoration

- Hear God (8)
  - Israel didn't like hearing God speak at Sinai: too awesome and powerful
  - Are you afraid of what God would say to you?
    - Many people came to Jesus
      - Self-righteous heard rebuke (woe to pharisees)
      - Sinners seek in faith, heard forgiveness
    - People heard from God the messages they needed to hear: given in love, to try to bring them back to him.
  - Can you hear God speaking peace? Or do we refuse?



## Hoping for Restoration

- Fear God (9)
  - This is the opposite of the folly that we discussed earlier.
  - To honor God: recognizing his deity, his power, his care for his people

## Forgiveness and Peace

- Forgiveness Heals Relationships: Peace
- Withdrawal of Anger
  - Psalms 85:3 You withdrew all your wrath;
    - you turned from your hot anger.
  - Psalms 85:4 and put away your indignation toward us!
- Forgiveness
  - Psalms 85:2 You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. Selah
  - Psalm 32:1 Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- Peace
  - completeness, soundness

## More than Forgiveness

- More than Forgiveness
  - Salvation (4, 7, 9)
  - Not turn back to folly (8)
    - He doesn't hold a grudge against us for having turned away.
    - God has hope for us. His expectation is that we will do better.
    - So he provides what we need so that we don't turn back to folly.
  - Glory (9)

## More than Forgiveness

- Give what is Good (12)
  - God's forgiveness provides bountifully for us to trust in him because of his faithfulness.
  - We should respond in faithfulness
- Increase (12)
- A Way (13)
- Rejoice in you (6)

**We implore you on  
behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.**

**2 Corinthians 5:20**

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## Jehovah Will Give What Is Good

Psalm 85

Synopsis: In this lesson, we'll see the amazing power of Jehovah's forgiveness. We'll understand how our sin breaks our relationship with God, and yet how we can hope for restoration with Him. We'll learn how he speaks peace to us and does much more than forgive us; he will give what is good so that we can walk in his way.

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**“Let all that you do be done with love.”**