

GOD IS THERE!

Lamentations 3

Though the outlook is bleak, the up-look is outstanding

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I. CAUSING DISTRESS (1-18)

- Note the prophet's condition

A. CONFUSION (1-3)

B. MISERY (4-6)

C. HELPLESSNESS (7-9)

D. VULNERABILITY (10-13)

E. HUMILIATION (14-18)

- Being mocked (14), poisoned (15), deprived (16), worried (17) and weakened (18)

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II. GIVING HOPE (19-38)

- By focusing on God's character

A. AMID AFFLICTIONS (19-20)

B. REFOCUSED ATTENTION (21)

1. "This I recall to mind ..." > Remembering what you know!
2. Turning from misery to The Almighty

C. BOLD AFFIRMATIONS (22-38)

1. The Lord is Giving (22-24)

- I will be hopeful

2. The Lord is Good (25-26)

- I will be patient

3. The Lord is Gracious (27-38)

- I will be learning of His compassion (27-32), kindness (33-36) and control (37-38)

Over please >

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III. AWAITING CONFESSION (39-48)

A. THE SITUATION FOR SINNERS (39-40)

- Get right!

B. THE REALITY FOR REBELS (41-48)

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IV. PROVIDING ASSURANCE (49-66)

A. TO HIS PROPHET (48-59)

1. He was noticed (48-54) > v. 50 is key
2. He was heard (55-56)
3. He was comforted (57-59) > Drawing near (57), defending (58), judging (59)

B. ABOUT HIS ENEMIES (60-66)

1. God has seen and heard them (60-63)
2. God will deal with them (64-66)

CONCLUSION:

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1. We don't need a miracle to prove it
2. We simply need to remember to place our hope in Him (21)