

THRIVING



IN THE WORD . IN PRAYER . IN FELLOWSHIP

“The old testament book of Lamentations is a collection of five poems the prophet Jeremiah wrote after Jerusalem had been conquered by Babylon and its people were led into captivity. His nation had suffered a great loss. Out of all the books in the Bible, this would be the last one we would expect to find hope. But in the third poem (chapter three) we discover a precious truth that Jeremiah clung to as a source of hope in the face of tremendous suffering. And it is this truth that inspires us to trust God today. The faithful love of the Lord never ends. His mercies are new every morning!” — Pastor Pete

Lamentations 3:19-33

¹⁹“Remember my affliction and my homelessness, the wormwood and the poison. ²⁰I continually remember them and have become depressed. ²¹Yet I call this to mind, and therefore I have hope: ²²Because of the LORD’s faithful love we do not perish, for his mercies never end. ²³They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness! ²⁴I say, “The LORD is my portion, therefore I will put my hope in him. ²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the person who seeks him. ²⁶It is good to wait quietly for salvation from the LORD. ²⁷It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is still young. ²⁸Let him sit alone and be silent, for God has disciplined him. ²⁹Let him put his mouth in the dust— perhaps there is still hope. ³⁰Let him offer his cheek to the one who would strike him; let him be filled with disgrace. ³¹For the Lord will not reject us forever. ³²Even if he causes suffering, he will show compassion according to the abundance of his faithful love. ³³For he does not enjoy bringing affliction or suffering on mankind.”

1. What stands out to you in this passage?
2. What does this passage teach us about God?
3. What does this passage teach us about Man?
4. How does this passage help you in trusting your Savior?