

#48 - Great is Your Faithfulness (Lamentations 3)

I. I Have Forgotten Happiness (3:1-18)

- The poet begins by saying that he has “seen affliction because of the rod of His wrath.” How does he describe this affliction in vv. 1-16?

- After all this, he says he has forgotten _____ and his strength and _____ have perished from the Lord. (17-18)

II. This I Call to Mind (3:19-39)

- Two things the poet remembers:
 - His _____ –and his soul is bowed down. (19-20)
 - God’s _____ & _____ –and he has hope. (21-23)

- God is his portion (_____), so he will hope, wait, and seek for Him –confident that God is good and faithful. (24-26)

- As for all the suffering and affliction, the poet offers some perspective:
 - It is _____ to “bear the yoke” of hardship. (27)
 - A man should allow the suffering to _____ . (28-30)
 - God will not reject _____, will have compassion. (31-32)
 - He is a _____ God who does not punish lightly. (33-36)

- God speaks and it happens –He determines both good and ill from His perfect purposes –who can _____ in his sins? (37-39)

III. Let Us Examine Our Ways (3:40-66)

- The poet calls on the community to _____ to the Lord. (40-41)
- They have experienced this calamity from the wrath of God because of their own _____ and _____. (42-47)
- The poet _____ over this tragedy, especially because of the pain and despair brought upon them by their _____. (48-54)
- He calls out to God from the pit, and God hears! God is his _____ and _____. (55-59)
- And so, he calls on the Lord to see this affliction and _____ the enemies according to their wickedness. (60-66)