

“In Times of Distress, We should seek God, Validation and Comfort”

Lamentations 1:1-22 4/19/2020

Book of Lamentations- *Drawing Near to God in Life’s Disruptions*

Big Idea- This chapter of Lamentations gives us an inspired record of what God’s covenant people do in times of distress or disruption. The narrator or Lady Zion speak from their own situations on the need for God’s grace. (Lamentations 3:22-24)

Lamentations 3:22-24 The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

Theme #1 – The distressed acknowledge God’s sovereignty over all that happens in our world whether simply living in a fallen world or direct judgments of God.

- A) Lamentations 1:5
- B) Lamentations 1:12
- C) Lamentations 1:15
- D) Lamentations 1:17

Theme #2 – The distressed seek validation from the Lord

- A) Lamentations 1:9
- B) Lamentations 1:11, Validation in v. 12 from others
- C) Lamentations 1:20
- D) Justice- Lamentations 1:21-22 –

Theme #3 – The distressed are in need of comfort

- A) Lamentations 1:2
- B) Lamentations 1:9
- C) Lamentations 1:16
- D) Lamentations 1:17
- E) Lamentations 1:21

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples