



**NEW EVERY**  
*Morning*

**A LOOK AT  
LAMENTATIONS  
JANUARY 1, 2023**

**I am the man who has seen affliction  
under the rod of his wrath;  
2 he has driven and brought me  
into darkness without any light;  
3 surely against me he turns his hand  
again and again the whole day long.**

**He has made my flesh and my skin waste away;  
he has broken my bones;  
5 he has besieged and enveloped me  
with bitterness and tribulation;  
6 he has made me dwell in darkness  
like the dead of long ago.**

**He has walled me about so that I cannot  
escape; he has made my chains heavy;  
8 though I call and cry for help, he shuts out my  
prayer;  
9 he has blocked my ways with blocks of stones;  
he has made my paths crooked.**

**He is a bear lying in wait for me, a lion in hiding;  
11 he turned aside my steps and tore me to  
pieces;  
he has made me desolate;  
12 he bent his bow and set me  
as a target for his arrow.**

**He drove into my kidneys  
the arrows of his quiver;  
14 I have become the laughingstock of all  
peoples,  
the object of their taunts all day long.  
15 He has filled me with bitterness;  
he has sated me with wormwood.**

**He has made my teeth grind on gravel,  
and made me cower in ashes;  
17 my soul is bereft of peace;  
I have forgotten what happiness is;  
18 so I say, "My endurance has perished;  
so has my hope from the Lord."**

**Remember my affliction and my wanderings,  
the wormwood and the gall!**

**20 My soul continually remembers it and is  
bowed down within me.**

**21 But this I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:**



**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.”**

**25 The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul who seeks him.**

**26 It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the Lord.**

**27 It is good for a man that he bear  
the yoke in his youth.**

**28 Let him sit alone in silence  
when it is laid on him;**

**29 let him put his mouth in the dust—  
there may yet be hope;**

**30 let him give his cheek to the one who strikes,  
and let him be filled with insults.**



**34 To crush underfoot  
all the prisoners of the earth,  
35 to deny a man justice  
in the presence of the Most High,  
36 to subvert a man in his lawsuit,  
the Lord does not approve.**

**37 Who has spoken and it came to pass,  
unless the Lord has commanded it?**

**38 Is it not from the mouth of the Most High  
that good and bad come?**

**39 Why should a living man complain,  
a man, about the punishment of his sins?**

**40 Let us test and examine our ways,  
and return to the Lord!**

**41 Let us lift up our hearts and hands  
to God in heaven:**

**42 “We have transgressed and rebelled,  
and you have not forgiven.**

**43 “You have wrapped yourself with anger and  
pursued us,  
killing without pity;**

**44 you have wrapped yourself with a cloud  
so that no prayer can pass through.**

**45 You have made us scum and garbage  
among the peoples.**



**46 “All our enemies  
open their mouths against us;  
47 panic and pitfall have come upon us,  
devastation and destruction;  
48 my eyes flow with rivers of tears  
because of the destruction of the daughter of my  
people.**

**49 “My eyes will flow without ceasing,  
without respite,  
50 until the Lord from heaven  
looks down and sees;  
51 my eyes cause me grief  
at the fate of all the daughters of my city.**

**52 “I have been hunted like a bird  
by those who were my enemies without cause;  
53 they flung me alive into the pit  
and cast stones on me;  
54 water closed over my head;  
I said, ‘I am lost.’**

**55 “I called on your name, O Lord,  
from the depths of the pit;  
56 you heard my plea, ‘Do not close  
your ear to my cry for help!’  
57 You came near when I called on you;  
you said, ‘Do not fear!’**

**58 “You have taken up my cause, O Lord;  
you have redeemed my life.**

**59 You have seen the wrong done to me, O  
Lord;  
judge my cause.**

**60 You have seen all their vengeance,  
all their plots against me.**

**61 “You have heard their taunts, O Lord,  
all their plots against me.**

**62 The lips and thoughts of my assailants  
are against me all the day long.**

**63 Behold their sitting and their rising;  
I am the object of their taunts.**

**64 “You will repay them, O Lord,  
according to the work of their hands.**

**65 You will give them dullness of heart;  
your curse will be on them.**

**66 You will pursue them in anger and destroy  
them  
from under your heavens, O Lord.”**

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**“The Lord is in the right, for I have rebelled against his word; but hear, all you peoples, and see my suffering; my young women and my young men have gone into captivity.”**

**Lamentations 1:18**

**“Look, O Lord, for I am in distress; my stomach churns; my heart is wrung within me, because I have been very rebellious.”**

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**“Your prophets have seen for you false and deceptive visions; they have not exposed your iniquity to restore your fortunes, but have seen for you oracles that are false and misleading.”**

**Lamentations 2:14**

**“This was for the sins of her prophets and the iniquities of her priests, who shed in the midst of her the blood of the righteous.”**

**Lamentations 4:13**



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**“You don’t have to go through security to get to Jesus. You don’t have to wait in line or take a ticket. No waving for his attention. No raising your voice to make sure he hears you. In your smallness, he notices you. In your sinfulness, he draws near to you. In your anguish, he is in solidarity with you.”**

**-Dane Ortlund, “Deeper”**

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**Our response:**

**HOPE, WAIT, SEEK**

