

The Lamentations of Jeremiah
Lamentations 3
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn from the cries of Jeremiah.

Intro: 1.
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I. Cries of Desperation

A. Jeremiah's hardships (v.1-18,48-54)

1. Jeremiah suffers under the weight of persecution of others (**v.1-6**)
2. He is openly mocked (**v.14**)
3. Jeremiah weeps over the sin of Jerusalem (**v.51**)
4. His enemies continually harass and afflict him (**v.52-54**)

II. Repentance & Deliverance (3:40-47;55-66)

A. Call for repentance (v.40-47)

1. A call to confess sin (**v.40-42a**)
2. God's actions against them because of their sin and failure to repent (**v.42b-47**)
3. Jeremiah weeps because of the destruction of these people due to their failure to repent (**v.48-49**)
 - a. The destruction will continue until God sees repentance (**v.50**)

B. Prayer for Deliverance (v.55-66)

1. The Lord hears Jeremiah's cry (**v.55-57**)
2. Jeremiah knows the Lord sees the troubles that he has endured (**v.58-66**)

III. Lessons for us today.

A. Where repentance is lacking you will not find God's blessings.

1. The deserving receiving mercy and pity from God (**v.42-43**)
2. Those who refuse to return to God, receive no pity and no mercy.

B. Repentance and mercy come to those who repent.

1. The Lord does not punish without cause and does not without hold His mercy to the deserving (**v.31-32**)
2. However, for the rebellious, stubborn, hard hearted and disloyal there is not mercy and no forgiveness until they actually return to Him.

Application & Conclusion:

1. Let us be those who will pray for those have chosen to be in sin and encourage them to return to God and His Word.
2. Let's also be aware of our own actions so that we do not fall into the deadly trap of sin.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9