

When Defeat Strikes
Lamentations 3:1-9; 19-24
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Thesis: I want to show what the prophet can teach man about hardships.

Intro: 1. Jeremiah is known as the “weeping prophet”.
2. We will see some reasons why he is referred to as such.

I. A Prophet in Pain

1. The difficulties the prophet faces every day, throughout the day (v.1-3)
2. The pain is so great it has taken a physical toll (v.4)
3. He has sunken into depression and bitterness (v.5-6a)
4. His prayers are not answered by God (v.7-8)
5. God has blocked the ways of Jeremiah (the ways of man) & there are sudden attacks throughout (v.9-11a)
6. The hardship reaches its peak (v.11b-13)

II. The bruises of life & the results of his pain

1. He is mocked by his friends & is filled with bitterness (v.14-15)
2. He is in a “broken” state & far from peace & prosperity (v.16-17)
3. The prophet thinks over all his despair (v.18-19)

III. The road back to Him

1. The prophet remembers the Lord and recalls to mind His goodness (v.20-21)
2. He remembers compassion of God (v.22-23)
3. The Prophet hopes in God and recognizes the Lord is good to those who keep their hope in Him; even during tough times (v.24-25)
4. The prophet says it is good for man to endure such hardships (v.26-30)
5. God will not allow man to endure hardship for ever, nor is He the cause of man’s suffering (v.31-33)

Application & Conclusion:

1. The prophet suffered, accused it being from God, then comes to His senses.
2. He remembers the Lord’s compassion, just as we must do today (v.20-24).
3. Full Invitation

God’s plan for the alien sinner

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Luke 13:3

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 – Rev 2:10,

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3
Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9