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LAMENTATIONS

A glimpse of God's attributes

Lament:

A passionate expression of grief or sorrow

Lamentations: a Glimpse of God's Attributes

I. God's Wrath

II. God's Mercy

Deuteronomy 28: 2

All these blessings will come upon you

IF

you obey the Lord your God.

Jeremiah

Painting by Michelangelo

on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel



For the Lord caused her grief because of

the multitude of her transgressions.

See, O Lord, for I am in distress; my spirit is greatly troubled; my heart is overturned within me for I have been very rebellious.

...She did not consider her future...

For these things I weep; my eyes run down with water because far from me is a comforter, one who restores my soul. My children are desolate because the enemy has prevailed.

Knowing God by J. I. Packer

...it is vital that we face the truth concerning His wrath, however unfashionable it may be, and however strong our initial prejudices against it. Otherwise, we shall not understand the gospel of salvation <u>from</u> wrath, nor the propitiatory achievement of the cross, nor the wonder of the redeeming love of God.

Your prophets have seen for you false and foolish visions, and they have not exposed your iniquity so as to restore you from captivity.

Deuteronomy 28: 15

But it shall come about, if you do NOT obey the Lord your God, to observe to do all His Commandments and His statutes with which I charge you today, that all these <u>curses</u> will come upon you and overtake you...

God's Attributes include

Wrath

Righteousness

Justice

Jeremiah's experiences

- Men of his hometown plotted against him
- Beaten by order of Pashhur the priest
- Priests, prophets, people called for Jeremiah to be sentenced to death
- King threw Jeremiah's scrolls into fire
- Falsely accused, beaten, put in jail
- Cast into a cistern of mud

II. God's Mercy

Lamentations 3:22-23 (NASB)

The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

Psalm 34: 8

O taste and see that the Lord is good; how blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Remember

- Think about the time you first trusted Christ to be your Savior
- Remember past problems and God's faithfulness to see you through them
- Recognize that He was the One who gave you strength to endure

Lamentations 2:22-23 (ESV)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

God's attributes include

Steadfast love

Mercy

Faithfulness

Romans 11:22

Behold then the kindness and severity of God...

For He does not afflict willingly or grieve the sons of men.

"Hope springs from truth rehearsed."

Dark Clouds...Deep Mercy
Discovering the Grace of Lament
by Mark Vroegop