**Devastation, Loss, and God’s Faithfulness**

Whole Bible Series

Sermon 21: Lamentations

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**SERMON NOTES**

1. **Five Poems (chapters) about Jerusalem’s Destruction**
2. Lady Jerusalem is utterly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is thoroughly poured out for Judah’s sin
4. A man expresses deep \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and remembers God’s faithfulness
5. “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” lamented
6. A prayer for restoration
7. **Lessons on Sin**
* Sin \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us dearly
* God redeems and restores the most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of situations
1. **Lessons on Grief**
* We should acknowledge and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it, not wipe it away with platitudes
* Expressing our pain helps us to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it
* Acknowledging God’s role in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ evil leads us to acknowledge His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to overcome and deliver
* “Casting our cares on Him” in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is Biblical

Answers: **humiliated,** wrath, **grief,** Before/after, **costs,** broken, **experience,** allowing/power, **prayer**

**Questions for Small Groups or Individual Study**

**Bible study:** Chapter 3 teaches us how we can look to God in grief. Find the verses (sections) that speak of “the Lord,” and identify what they say about Him.

1. To what modern events would you compare the destruction of Jerusalem by Babylon? Discuss the parallels.
2. How have you experienced grief in your life? Reflecting chapter 4, what did you have before that is now lost?
3. From the Bible study (above), what truth about God is most meaningful to you in your grief?
4. When have you seen God redeem and restore a broken situation?

**Prayer from Ecclesiastes**

*State a situation in your life that is broken.* “Please demonstrate your power to redeem and restore.”