**Lamentations**

*When Will the Morning Come?*

*Lamentations 3*

Personal Struggle (v 1 – 18)

* Jeremiah Focused on Himself and Circumstances (v 2)
  + Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. (Ps 23:4)
* Driven by Feelings (v 3 - 4)
  + 6 Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he *it is* that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. 7 And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the LORD hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it. 8 And the LORD, he *it is* that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed. (Deut 31:6-8)
  + There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, *so* I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. (Joshua 1:5)
  + For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name’s sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people. (1 Sam 12:22)
  + *Let your* conversation *be* without covetousness; *and be* content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. (Heb 13:5)
* Feeling Trapped (v 5 – 9)
* Feeling Attacked (v 10 – 13)
* Confused, Bitter and Without Hope (v 14 – 18)
  + They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink. (Ps 69:21)
  + They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted *thereof*, he would not drink. (Matt 27:34)
  + And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter. (Rev 8:11)

Personal Reflection (v 19 – 21)

Looking to God and His Mercies (v 22 – 36)

A Call to Repentance (v 37 – 42)

The Consequences of Refusing to Repent (v 42 – 54)

Remembering God’s Past Faithfulness (v 55 – 58)

Leaving Vengeance in the Hand of the Lord (v 59 – 66)