

## **“THERE’S STILL HOPE!”**

*Lamentations 3:22-23 – It is of the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: Great is thy faithfulness.*



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*It is common practice for Prophets - past, present and future to cry out, speak out and shout out about the horrid conditions of their people. They see the plight by which mankind will spiral if he fails to humble himself and pray, turn from his wicked ways and seek the face of God! It becomes their life mission and passion to try and save the people from ultimate doom and destruction. God allows the prophets to view a private screening of the future or lack thereof! Our focus is in the 3rd chapter, which is the chapter of hope! The promise we have on today is that no matter how bad things may look around us, there’s still hope that we will not be consumed by our circumstances! Let’s look at the three supporting factors we find in this text!*

*First, God’s Unfailing Compassion - Jeremiah personally witnessed the series of calamities reach their climax when Babylon burned the city that he loved so dearly. He was crushed when he saw it destroyed. He was perplexed about why he had been called on to suffer and to witness the suffering all around him. Each time God had to punish His people, after having been patient and long suffering, He had compassion toward them. Only if they were to repent and ask forgiveness, He would give it to them and He will also give it to you. God loves you and He cares about you and what happens to you. Even if you’ve made some bad choices and you’ve travelled down some wrong roads, remember, God’s compassion does not, cannot, and will not fail. That’s good news for someone who’s feeling hopeless on today. With God’s unfailing compassion, “There’s Still Hope!”*

*Second, God’s Unending Mercies – Jeremiah wept at the sight of his people in misery, especially the children and infants. But he remained an optimist when he focused on the future of God’s people. The same prophet who has wept for the people now calls upon them to shed tears of repentance for their sins. I’ve often used this illustration regarding new mercies. At the end of the day the teacher wipes down the blackboard or the white board and erases everything that was written so that when class resumes the next morning, the board will be clean and fresh for that day’s lesson. Well, people of God that’s the same thing God does for us each and every day. The cleansing blood of his precious son Jesus wipes away all of our sins so that when God looks at us, he does not see our faults, our frailties, our flaws, or our failures because we are covered by the blood of Jesus. When God sees us, he does not see us as we are now but He sees us as we will become! As long as you witness a new day and new mercies, “There’s Still Hope!”*

*Third, God’s Unwavering Faithfulness - At the very moment when Jeremiah was at his lowest, his mind began to clear. God had never failed him. Why should He do so now? With a little hope, his mindset began to change. He ascended from the pit of hopelessness and defeat to the pinnacle of possibilities and victory! The God who had met every need in days past would not leave him now. The prophet Jeremiah gained a new lease on life. When you look back over your life and begin to think things over, can you see that God has been faithful and an ever present help in your time of trouble? Whatever God said, He is so faithful and will bring it to pass. If He said it, you can believe that He’ll come through! Great is thy faithfulness Lord, unto me.*

*Only a conviction, a hope, a belief that God is with us can lead to peace and serenity in the midst of pain. Jeremiah, just like many of us, have discovered that even during our chaos and all the calamity around us that “There’s Still Hope!”*

***BBlessed!***

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