

His Compassions Fail Not, Lamentations 3 Verse 22

La 3:20-26; 20 My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me. 21 ¶ This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. 22 It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. 24 The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. 25 The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. 26 It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD."

Lamentations is written by Jerimiah, the prophet of God, who has just witnessed Judah being overcome, and Jerusalem and the temple of the Lord have been destroyed. Jerimiah understands; this is the wrathful judgement of God upon disobedient Israel, who has turned from following God to idolatry. **La 3:1 ¶ "I am the man that hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath."** Jerimiah begins his testimony of witnessing the displeasure of God, upon himself and Israel, through the first twenty verses of this chapter.

We begin at verse twenty, where Jerimiah recalls all that, he has witnessed, and acknowledges that the rebukes of God has humbled him. Have you ever had times in your own life when God seems to have withdrawn ever mercy, which he has previously extended to you? Think about Jerimiah; everything, that he has ever had hope in, is now gone, and he is captive to another nation. More than anything else, the temple of the Lord has been destroyed.

As we look upon the nation of Christendom today, we see that another nation, the devil and his minions, has invaded, and has decimated the very foundation stones upon which the church was built, as seen in: **1Ti 3:15 "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."** Multitudes of organized church bodies are now accepting, as good and right, things which God has declared to be wrong, offensive, and abominable, to him. Things that are not founded upon the truth of the bible, which is our testimony of Jesus, who is truth.

Jerimiah, in the midst of all this destruction and desolation, is brought to remembrance of the hope which God has put in his heart. Jerimiah declares; I have seen and suffered the rebukes of God, yet God in his mercy has not destroyed me. God, in his mercy, has preserved me in the midst of the storm of trouble I have seen. I remember that God is a God of compassion. I remember that God does not break his promises. I understand that I am alive, because God has had compassion upon me, and withheld the hand of destruction from taking my life. Wherefore, I have hope. Jerimiah declares; **"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."** God faithfully renews his compassion to me, and God's people, each morning that we remain upon the earth.

As we see, the invasion of Christendom by the devil, and his armies, we may get into the state of mind that Jerimiah is in here in Lamentations. What we see going on today is comparable to Jerimiah watching Jerusalem and the temple of the Lord be decimated. Yet, we are still alive and have hope. God is still on his throne. The finished work of Christ is not undone by the failure of men on the earth.

We are brought to remembrance, of the faithfulness of God every morning, when we remember Israel, and the Lord's provision of manna each morning. How did Israel partake of the manna, which

God provided? They had to go out each morning and gather their need for that day, each and every day. Wherefore, we can remember like Jeremiah: "***The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.***" Each new day that God grants us life and breath, we should remember; we live by the compassion of God toward his people, which is why we are not consumed in unending death.

We have consolation, and hope, in the finished work of Jesus Christ, as seen in: ***Heb 6:17-20; 17 "Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: 18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: 19 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; 20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.***" The finished work of Christ, and the resurrection of the body, is the ground and pillar of truth, wherein our hope and faith are founded.

Wherefore, we understand when Jeremiah says: "***It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.***" Though the nation of Christendom may be failing and falling, we understand that the fault is our own, not God's. The Lord has not broken his promise, but Christendom has failed to stand firmly upon the solid rock, Christ Jesus. Christendom has forgotten; the church is to be the pillar and ground of the truth, which is in Christ Jesus only.

We know, we are God's chosen people, because we awake each new day, and we remember our Saviour God. We know our salvation is sure, as seen in: ***1Jo 5:13 "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."*** We live with the hope of an eternal day, when the evil kingdom of the devil is finally, and forever, overthrown, and we shall no longer be witness to the destruction seen in the nation of Christendom today.

Wherefore, in these sad times, when all seems dark and dismal, let us encourage one another in Christ. We remember this same setting in Lamentations in the New Testament and cannot put it in better context than Jude did in: ***Jude 1:17-25; 17 But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; 18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. 19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. 20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, 21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. 22 And of some have compassion, making a difference: 23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. 24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, 25 To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.***"

Finally, remember: "***It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.***" Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!