

GRACE... NO GREATER GIFT

MINI-SERIES ON THE GRACE OF GOD

PART 12

“THERE IS GRACE...”

“When All that Can Be Heard Is Lament”

(The Lamentations of Jeremiah)

INTRODUCTION:

- Jeremiah, often called the weeping prophet, served the Lord for more than four decades during the nation’s darkest days. No prophet represented the _____ (pathos) of God more than Jeremiah, while simultaneously proclaiming the _____ (logos) of God and calling the people back to the _____ (ethos) of God. He experienced deep sorrows and intense suffering at the hands of his countrymen.
- The Lamentations is a beautifully written lament in five movements, an _____ built on the Hebrew alphabet, mourning the tragic fall of the city of Jerusalem.
- Jeremiah’s Two Perspectives on the Fall of Jerusalem:
 1. The Book of Jeremiah looks _____ to the Destruction of the City: **Warning**
 2. The Book of Lamentation looks _____ to the Destruction of the City: **Mourning**
- There is grace, when surrounded by _____, _____ and _____.

IN LAMENT, _____ THE _____ :

1A. _____ IS OUR _____ , AND THERE IS NO _____ !

1B. Listen to the Cry of God’s _____. For the mourning is _____.

*“How lonely sits the city
That was full of people!
She has become like a widow
Who was once great among the nations!” –1:1a*

2B. Listen to the Cry of God’s _____. For the mourning is _____.

*“I am the man who has seen affliction— Because of the rod of His wrath.
He has driven me and made me walk— In darkness and not in light.” –3:1, 2*

2A. _____ IS OUR _____, AND THERE IS NO _____ !

*“He has bent His bow like an enemy,
He has set His right hand like an adversary
And slain all that were pleasant to the eye;
In the tent of the daughter of Zion
He has poured out His wrath like fire.
The Lord has become like an enemy.
He has swallowed up Israel;
He has swallowed up all its palaces;
He has destroyed its strongholds
And multiplied in the daughter of Judah
Mourning and moaning.”*

—Lamentations 2:4, 5

• There is grace,... but not for _____ and not for _____. For you cannot
_____ His _____, _____ His _____
and _____ His _____ without consequence.

“Behold, the man who would not make God his refuge...”

—Psalm 52:5-7

IN LAMENT, _____ THE _____ : (3:19-26)

*“This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope.
The LORD’S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease,
For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning;
Great is Thy faithfulness.”*

—Lamentations 3:21-23

1. _____ ...

• Don’t forget your _____. (v. 19-20)

*“Remember my affliction and my wandering, the wormwood and bitterness.
Surely my soul remembers, And is bowed down within me.”*

• Don’t forget your _____. (v. 25-26)

*“The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, To the person who seeks Him.
It is good that he waits silently, For the salvation of the LORD.”*

2. _____ ... (v. 24)

*“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“Therefore I have hope in Him.”*

3. _____ ...

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”

—Matthew 5:4