

Truth in the Tears

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LAMENTATIONS 3:1-24*

A lone pine tree stands on a rocky, grassy cliff. The background is a soft, overcast sky. The text 'GOD'S ENDURING WORD' is overlaid on the right side of the image.

GOD'S
ENDURING
WORD

*I am the man who has seen affliction under the rod of
His wrath;*

Lamentations 3:1

*He has driven and brought me into darkness without
any light;*

Lamentations 3:2

surely against me He turns His hand again and again the whole day long.

*He has made my flesh and my skin waste away;
He has broken my bones;*

Lamentations 3:4

*He has besieged and enveloped me with bitterness
and tribulation;*

Lamentations 3:5

He has made me dwell in darkness like the dead of long ago.

Lamentations 3:6

*He has walled me about so that I cannot escape;
He has made my chains heavy;*

Lamentations 3:7

though I call and cry for help, He shuts out my prayer;

Lamentations 3:8

*He has blocked my ways with blocks of stones;
He has made my paths crooked.*

Lamentations 3:9

He is a bear lying in wait for me, a lion in hiding;

Lamentations 3:10

*He turned aside my steps and tore me to pieces;
He has made me desolate;*

Lamentations 3:11

He bent His bow and set me as a target for His arrow.

Lamentations 3:12

He drove into my kidneys the arrows of His quiver;

Lamentations 3:13

*I have become the laughingstock of all peoples,
the object of their taunts all day long.*

Lamentations 3:14

*He has filled me with bitterness;
He has sated me with wormwood.*

Lamentations 3:15

*He has made my teeth grind on gravel, and made me
cower in ashes;*

Lamentations 3:16

*my soul is bereft of peace;
I have forgotten what happiness is;*

Lamentations 3:17

*so I say, “My endurance has perished;
so has my hope from the LORD.”*

*Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the
wormwood and the gall!*

Lamentations 3:19

My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me.

Lamentations 3:20

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

Lamentations 3:21

*The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end;*

Lamentations 3:22

they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:23

“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in Him.”

Lamentations 3:24

We can cry out with honesty.



We can cling to
God's sovereignty.



We can count on
God's steadfast love.



**Because of God's steadfast
love, we have hope in our
greatest hardship.**

