

# A Brand New Day

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## Introduction:

- A. Lamentations 3:21-26
- B. God's mercies are new every morning because:
  - 1. God is present at all times and places
  - 2. God's blessings continue without interruption
  - 3. The old things have passed away
  - 4. God's promises are certain
- C. Background
  - 1. Lamentations (Eikhah) is a collection of poetic laments written by Jeremiah for the destruction of Jerusalem by Babylon in 586 BC.
  - 2. In the Hebrew Bible, it appears in the Ketuvim ("Writings"), beside the Song of Songs, Book of Ruth, Ecclesiastes and the Book of Esther, also called the Megilloth or Five Scrolls
  - 3. Lamentations consists of five distinct poems, corresponding to its five chapters. The first four are written as acrostics – chapters 1, 2, and 4 each have 22 verses, corresponding to the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet, the first lines beginning with each letter of the alphabet. Chapter 3 has 66 verses, so that each letter begins three lines, and the fifth poem is not acrostic but still has 22 lines.
- D. Jeremiah speaks of unimaginable suffering of the people
  - 1. Chapter 1, the city sits a desolate weeping widow overcome in misery
  - 2. Chapter 2, these miseries are described in connection with national sins and acts of God.
  - 3. Chapter 3 speaks of hope for the people of God: the chastisement would only be for their good; a better day would dawn for them.
  - 4. Chapter 4 laments the ruin and desolation of the city and temple, but traces it to the people's sins.
  - 5. Chapter 5 is a prayer that Zion's reproach may be taken away in the repentance and recovery of the people. (Wikipedia)
- E. However, Jeremiah consoles both himself and the people with pictures of the character of God, especially His Divine mercy
  - 1. It gives hope
  - 2. It was due to God's mercy that they were not utterly consumed.
  - 3. It gives reason to trust God and hope in Him.
  - 4. One of the aspects of God's mercy that Jeremiah addresses is that it is new every morning.
  - 5. Morning is a beautiful time of the day. Everything is fresh and new and full of hope and promise.
- F. God's mercies are new every morning because:

## I. GOD IS PRESENT

- A. God's presence each morning refreshes our confidence in His mercies.
  - 1. Eph. 4:6; Isa. 40:28-31; Deut. 7:9; Psalm 100:5

- B. Regardless of what we do in life, God is always present and faithful.
  - 1. Regardless of what we did with our yesterdays, every morning we awake, God's mercies are new and fresh for those who will repent and resolve to live for Him that day.

## **II. GOD'S BLESSINGS CONTINUE**

- A. For our life in this world - Gen. 8:22; Matt. 5:45; Acts 14:17
- B. For our life beyond this world - Gal. 3:14; Acts 3:26; Eph. 1:3
  - 1. Because God's blessings continue without interruption, His mercy is new to us every morning.

## **III. OLD THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY**

- A. We can wake up in the morning and have all of our past sins removed.
  - 1. 2Cor. 5:17; Rom. 6:4
  - 2. While we may have to live with the temporal consequences of some of our past choices, we don't have to live with the guilt.
- B. If we are in Christ, the old things are passed away.
  - 1. Phil. 3:13-14; Col. 3:10
  - 2. Because the old things have passed away, God's mercies are new to us every morning.

## **IV. GOD'S PROMISES ARE CERTAIN**

- A. Titus 1:2; Jer. 32:42; 2Cor. 1:18-20; Heb. 10:23
- B. Jesus died in the evening, but He was resurrected in the morning. His resurrection is a promise that we will one day be resurrected as well
  - 1. Rom. 8:11
  - 2. We will die at the close of our day, but we will be resurrected in the morning to a brand new, never ending day
  - 3. Because God's promises are certain, God's mercies for are new for us every morning.