



THE FAITHFUL
LOVE OF THE
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Lamentations 3:22-23



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A Time to Weep - Over Our Broken Nation

Lamentations: Part 3 (ESV)

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
...a time to weep...a time to mourn”

Lamentations 1:8,9 “Jerusalem sinned grievously; therefore she became filthy... she took no thought of her future; therefore her fall is terrible; she has no comforter.” (ESV)

What troubles you about our nation today? Have you noticed that America has elevated many false “gods” over and above the One, True God?

Acts 17:16 “Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols.”

Here are some of the false “gods” our nation has been pursuing:

- 1) **The god of Cultural Religion** - Prioritizing external moralisms over an internal faith relationship with Jesus.
- 2) **The god of Universalism** - Disbelief in Hell, wishfully thinking that everyone goes to Heaven.
- 3) **The god of Rationalism** - Treasuring human wisdom while ignoring God’s Word in the Bible.
- 4) **The god of Pluralism** - There is no exclusive path to God, there are many ways to God.
- 5) **The god of Relativism** - You be you. The belief and practice that everyone can self-determine their own moral standards of goodness.
- 6) **The god of Individualism** - You only live once. Love yourself before God and others.
- 7) **The god of Materialism** - Find pleasure and identity in the accumulation and pleasure of stuff.

8) The god of Money - Thinking that finances and resources are the path to satisfaction.

9) The god of Success - Finding identity in one's power and privilege over others.

10) The god of Entertainment - Filling our eyes and ears with worthless things on our screens.

11) The god of Family - Caring more for our relatives than God. Making a good thing a god thing.

12) The god of Insurance - Finding our safety and security in our policies over our Protector.

13) The god of Sports - Overvaluing the bodies and recreational opportunities God gives us.

14) The god of Health - Fearing death. Avoiding death at all costs.

15) The god of Death - Justifying murder through abortion and euthanasia (assisted suicide).

16) The god of Government - Caring more about our political party than Jesus. An attitude of entitlement and expectation.

17) The god of Sexual Pleasure - Whatever feels right is right. Fornication. Living together. LGBTQ+. Porn. Lust.

18) The god of our Bellies - Living for the next meal. Overeating. Under-exercising. Gluttony. Obesity.

19) The god of Vanity - Prioritizing physical external appearance above our spiritual inner beauty.

20) The god of Unforgiveness - Cancel culture. Bitterness. Hate.

21) The god of Racism - Thinking better of yourself than another because of your skin color.

22) The god of Addiction - Alcohol. Drugs. Abuse of painkillers and antidepressants.

23) The god of Over-working - Escapism. Neglect of family. Identity issues. Enslaved to debt.

24) The god of Under-working - Laziness reigns. Dependency accepted. Responsibility avoided.

This is a Time to Weep for Our Nation

Lamentations 2:14 “Your prophets have seen for you false and deceptive visions; they have not exposed your iniquity to restore your fortunes, but have seen for you oracles that are false and misleading.”

Lamentations 3:49–50 “My eyes will flow without ceasing, without respite, until the LORD from heaven looks down and sees”

Philippians 3:19 “Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.”

This is a Time for Us to Confess & Repent

Lamentations 3:40 “Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the LORD!”

1 Samuel 12:14–15 “If you will fear the LORD and serve him and obey his voice and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, and if both you and the king who reigns over you will follow the LORD your God, it will be well. But if you will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then the hand of the LORD will be against you and your king.”

This is a Time to Serve Jesus Whole-Heartedly

1 Samuel 12:20–21 “And Samuel said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid; you have done all this evil. Yet do not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart. And do not turn aside after empty things that cannot profit or deliver, for they are empty.’”