Learning from L A M E N T

Lamentations 2:1 – 22

> We need to regularly reorient or thinking and our lives to God, His word and what He says.

God is long-suffering and merciful, but rebellion against his rule has consequences. ... Sin is that bad, and God is that holy. ~Mark Vroegop

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GOD HATES SIN

• Galatians 6:6-7a

1. because He is ______.

• Exodus 15:11, 1 Samuel 2:2. Isiah 57:15, Habakkuk 1:13

A low view of God is the cause of a hundred lesser evils. A high view of God is the solution to ten thousand temporal problems. ~A. W. Tozer

> Do we take sin and the holiness of God seriously?

2. so He must ______ sin. 2:1-9

What was amazing about these losses was that they were all the Lord's doing. To be sure, they were the result of Judah's sin. But the reality still had to be faced: God had turned against his own people. He had not simply allowed his own city to be defeated – he had helped destroy it. ... [He was] the ultimate cause of Jerusalem's affliction. ... In a strange twist ... God was not fighting for his people, but against them. ~Philip Graham Ryken

• Hebrews 10:31, Proverbs 3:11-12, Romans 3:19 LAMENT

> Do we think, I am protected, I am immune from God's judgment and wrath, he would never do that to me?

3. so we need to _____

about sin. 2:10-22

• Hebrews 4:15

Lament about **MY** sin and suffering.

> Lament is the right response to sin and how we find hope help and comfort.

Lament about **<u>OTHERS'</u>** sin and suffering.

[L]ament helps tune our hearts to pain of others and to the foundational truths about God and the world. We can lament on behalf of culture, identifying with the brokenness around us. ... Lament gives you eyes to see the brokenness around you [and know the real cause]. ~Mark Vroegop

• 2 Corinthians 5:21, Galatians 3:13

> God is so holy, He judged punished and poured out His wrath on His own Son.

4. so we should ______ it also.

Are we going to ______ our thinking,

our lives and our direction to God, His holiness, His word, and His view of sin?

