

**FOR OUR LEARNING**  
*1 Corinthians 10:1-6*

**INTRODUCTION**

- A. Purpose of a Funeral.
  - 1. To comfort the grieving.
  - 2. To pay respect to the deceased – remember a life lived.
  - 3. To warn the living of certain death and urge preparation.
    - a. Heb. 9:27, “...it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment.”
- B. The Preacher – Ecclesiastes.
  - 1. Eccl. 7:2
  - 2. Eccl. 7:4
- C. Lamentations.
  - 1. A burial of the city of Jerusalem, Lam. 1:1-3.
  - 2. 1 Cor. 10:6, “*These things happened as an example for us...*”
  - 3. But, what lessons to learn?

**I. THE NATURE OF SIN. Lam. 1:8**

- A. “*Jerusalem sinned greatly, therefore she has become an unclean thing.*”
- B. Warnings Against Sin.
  - 1. Prov. 6:27
  - 2. Prov. 14:34
  - 3. Isaiah 30:1
  - 4. Ps. 1:1-2, natural progression of sin.
- C. We Cannot Ignore Sin.
  - 1. Are we pure in our walk and talk before God and man? Titus 2:7-8

**II. A DAY OF JUDGMENT. Lam. 2:5**

- A. “*The Lord has become like an enemy. He has swallowed up Israel;...*”
- B. No Hiding Sin.
  - 1. Numbers 32:23, “...*be sure your sin will find you out.*”
  - 2. Job 34:21-22
  - 3. Prov. 1:24-32
- C. God’s Mercy Only Lingers So Long.
  - 1. There’s a Great Day Coming.
    - a. Jesus warned of it.
    - b. Peter warned of it.
    - c. Paul warned of it.
    - d. John warned of it.
  - 2. Have we obtained His grace and mercy for that great day? Heb. 4:14-16

**III. EXAMINE OUR WAYS. Lam. 3:40**

- A. “*Let us examine and probe our ways, and let us return to the Lord.*”
- B. Set Our Minds Above.
  - 1. Ps. 119:59-60

2. Isa. 55:6-9
3. Col. 3:2
- C. The Lord's Lovingkindness.
  1. Lam. 3:22-26
  2. To bring His people back to Him has ever been God's good and worthy goal.
  3. We must test ourselves to see if we are in the faith, Gal. 3:26-27; 2 Cor. 13:5.

#### **IV. FAILURE TO REPENT – DESTRUCTION. Lam. 4:11**

- A. *“The Lord has accomplished His wrath, He has poured out His fierce anger; and He has kindled a fire in Zion which has consumed its foundations.”*
- B. Slow to Anger, But. . .
  1. Exodus 34:7
  2. Romans 2:4-10
- C. Need for Repentance.
  1. Jesus warned of the need to repent, Luke 13:3, 5.
  2. How sad God had to go so far before righteousness could be restored in the land!
    - a. Gen. 6:5-7
    - b. Ps. 14:2-3
    - c. Rom. 3:9-11
  3. Do we stand in righteousness before Him? Col. 3:5-6; Eph. 4:22-24

#### **V. RESTORED AND RENEWED BY GOD. Lam. 5:21**

- A. *“Restore us to You, O Lord, that we may be restored; renew our days as of old.”*
- B. God's Lovingkindness.
  1. Psalm 51:7-13
  2. Joel 2:12-14
- C. God's Righteous Acts.
  1. Isaiah 1:24-26
  2. Jer. 27:19-22 – the vessels return from Babylon (God's hand).
- D. Restored by God.
  1. Are we living the life the Lord has called us to live?
  2. Romans 6:3-11

#### **CLOSING**

- A. 2 Peter 3:8-13
- B. Parallel to the book of Lamentations.
- C. What kind of people are we to be?