**Things you need – God is our Portion**

Lam. 3:24

**Focal Truth: We need God as our portion in all of life’s circumstances**

**Observations**

1. Our confession in trouble & despair – The Lord is my portion

 The Lord is a personal portion for all God’s people

 Portion = Heb. A portion of the spoil, or the spoil itself

1. Ps. 16:5 – The Lord is the portion of my inheritance and my cup
2. Ps 73:26 – My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever
3. Our possession in trouble & despair – The Lord is my portion, says my soul

God is the spiritual portion for our mind, will, emotions in all of our circumstances

1. God is a present portion – Ps 46:1
2. God is an immense portion - Ps 145:3 – Great is the Lord, His greatness is unsearchable
3. God is an all – sufficient portion – Gen 17:1 – I am God Almighty – all sufficient
4. God is a necessary portion – John 6:35 – Jesus said, I am the bread of life, he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst
5. God is a special portion – Ps. 144:15 – how blessed are the people whose God is the Lord
6. God is a safe portion – Ps 48:14 – Our God forever and ever, He will guide us until death
7. God is an inexhaustible portion – John 4:14 – but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst
8. God is a soul – satisfying portion – Ps. 73:25 – whom have I in heaven but You, and besides You, I desire nothing on earth
9. God is a permanent portion – Ps 73:26 – My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever
10. God is an incomparable portion – Col. 1:19 – for it was the Father’s good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him
11. Our present confidence in trouble & despair – The Lord is my portion, therefore I have hope in Him

 There is great confident expectancy when God is our portion

1. Ps. 33:18 – Behold the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope for His lovingkindness
2. Ps. 42:5 – why are you in despair, o my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him for the help of His presence.

**Things to remember**

1. God is a soul sweetening portion – If God is your portion no condition can make you miserable
2. God is a protection from temptation – The Lord is my portion why should I be tempted in these ways
3. God becomes our portion when we put our faith in Jesus Christ
4. Soul contentment comes when God is our portion
5. Once God is our portion it is a permanent condition
6. God is only our portion when we are His portion – 1 Pet. 2:9: chosen race, royal priesthood, holy nation, a people for God’s own possession…

**Daily Use**

1. Ask Yourself, Have I made God my portion? Am I saved?
2. Dwell on the satisfaction of God as your portion
3. Praise the Lord for being all you need for all of life
4. Can you say with Paul, “I consider all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them rubbish so that I may gain Christ.” Phil. 3:8
5. Pray, give me Yourself and that is all I need!