**God in our suffering – Lam. 5**

**Focal Truth: Repentant sinners pray for God’s mercy out of their suffering**

**Observations**

**Lord, remember us! 5:1**

*Remember O Lord what has befallen us*

Remember = to call to memory

1. Remember your mercy to us – Ps. 25:6 – *Remember O Lord, your compassion and your lovingkindness for they have been from of old*
2. Remember me in your lovingkindness – Ps. 25:7 – *according to your lovingkindness remember me for your goodness sake, O Lord*
3. Remember your forgiveness – Ps. 79:8 – *do not remember the iniquities of our forefathers against us*
4. Remember our shortness of life – Ps. 89:47 – *remember what my span of life is*

**Lord, look at us! 5: 1-14**

*Look and see our reproach!*

1. We have no inheritance
2. We are fatherless
3. We are debtors for daily needs
4. We are worn out from our pursuers
5. We are servants to the nations
6. We are slaves
7. We are starving
8. We are abused
9. We are full of sadness
10. We have lost our dignity
11. We have sinned!
12. We are faint & weak
13. We are without a home

**Lord, reign over us! 5: 19 -20**

*You O Lord rule forever, your throne is from generation to generation*

Rule = sit

1. You sit in sovereign authority
2. You sit in sovereign power
3. You sit in sovereignty eternally
4. You sit in sovereign control
5. You sit in sovereignty to all generations
6. **The Lord Jesus Christ sits as King of Kings and Lord of Lords**

Heb. 1:13 – *sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet*

Heb. 1:3 – *and He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of his power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high*

Heb. 1:8 – *your throne, O God is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of His kingdom*

**Lord, restore us! 5: 20 – 22**

*Restore us to you O Lord that we may be restored, renew our days as of old*

Restore = do again what you have done

Renew = make us new

1. God is the God who restores through Jesus Christ the sinner who asks for mercy

Ps. 51:12 – *restore to me the joy of Your salvation*

Ps. 80:3 – *O God, restore us and cause your face to shine on us and we will be saved*

Jer. 15:19 – *thus says the Lord, if you return, then I will restore you -*

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Ps. 51:10 – *create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me*

Eph. 4:23 – *that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind*

Col. 3:10 – *you have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him -*

**Things to remember & do**

1. Grace and mercy come to those who ask God for it
2. God’s mercy comes through salvation in Jesus Christ

Jer. 31:33 – 34 – *but this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord, I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it and I will be their God and they shall be my people. They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother saying know the Lord, for they shall all know me from the least to the greatest of them, declares the Lord I will forgive their iniquity and their sin I will remember no more*

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**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**