

What's Good When Everything's Bad
Lamentations 3:22-27
Jeremiah: The Christ-like Prophet, part 15

- Some of the most memorable images of 911 are those of our fellow New Yorkers all covered with the ash and soot of the buildings after they went down. That was an unbelievably bad day for New Yorkers and one we can never forget.
- Jeremiah lived through hopeless times that were even worse.
- In the midst of bad times and hopeless days, Jeremiah shows us a pathway to hope in hopeless times!

1. The Goodness of God's PERSON, v.25

Lamentations 3:25; The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

- Waiting for God and seeking Him tells us three things:
 - A. Our Dependence upon God
 - B. Our Delight in God
 - C. The Delay of God

2. The Goodness of God's DELIVERANCE, v.26

Lamentations 3:26; It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.

- Salvation = translated deliverance, victory, help and salvation!
- Hope and quietly wait...
 - A. With Bold Expectation: "Hope"
 - B. With Patient Humility: "Quietly wait"

3. The Goodness of God's SERVICE, v.27

Lam.3:27; It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

- A yoke is a farming instrument of servitude, pulling a load or working in the field.

- It is good for a person to be saved in their youth and to begin serving God in their youth.

- A yoke speaks of:
 - A. Fellowship with Jesus:
 - B. Submission to His authority:
 - C. Service in His Kingdom:
 - D. Discipline to godliness:

Conclusion:

Look at yourself and you will be depressed.

Look at your circumstances and you'll be distressed.

Look to the Lord and you will be blessed.