FAKE NEWS – Exposing the Lies of the Devil

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE

Lamentations 3:1-25

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Look and see if there is any pain like my pain which was severely dealt out to me, which the LORD inflicted on the day of His fierce anger.

Lamentations 1:12

1. The devil wants us to see God as mean, cruel and sadistic.

A. Circumstances and feelings fit together.

Just thinking of my troubles and my lonely wandering makes me miserable. That's all I ever think about, and I am depressed.

Lamentations 3:19-20 CEV

B. Circumstances and feelings become the devil's workshop.

Even when I cry out and call for help, He shuts out my prayer. He has blocked my ways with hewn stone; He has made my paths crooked. He is like a bear waiting to ambush me, like a lion in hiding. He has forced me off the road I was taking, torn me to pieces, and left me with nothing. Lamentations 3:8-

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2. The devil wants us to <u>lose hope</u>.

So I say, "My strength has perished, and so has my hope from the LORD." Lamentations 3:18

I said to myself, "I no longer have any hope that the LORD will help me." Lamentations 3:18 ERV

- A. When you lose <u>hope</u>, you lose <u>your desire to go on</u>.
- B. When you lose <u>hope</u>, you lose <u>sight of God</u>.

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

I tell myself, "I am finished! I can't count on the LORD to do anything for me."

Just thinking of my troubles and my lonely wandering makes me miserable.

That's all I ever think about, and I am depressed. Then I remember something that fills me with hope. Lamentations 3:18-21 CEV

3. God wants us to fix our eyes on Him and see the truth.

The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Thy faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I have hope in Him." The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the person who seeks Him. Lamentations 3:22-25

A. Regardless of your circumstances, God is <u>still good</u>.

The LORD your God wins victory after victory and is always with you. He celebrates and sings because of you, and he will refresh your life with his love."

Zephaniah 3:17 CEV

- B. Regardless of your circumstances, God is still faithful.
- C. Regardless of your circumstances, God is <u>still worth it</u>. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58

Will you get your eyes off your circumstances and on God?