



III. THE PRAYER (Lamentations 2:18-22)

A. For Personal Repentance (Lamentations 2:18-19)

1. A demonstration of repentance (Lamentations 2:18-19)
 - a. A heart crying unto the Lord (Lamentations 2:18)
 - b. Tears running down like a river day and night (Lamentations 2:18)
 - c. Giving thyself no rest (Lamentations 2:18)
 - d. Crying out in the night (Lamentations 2:19)
 - e. Pouring out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord (Lamentations 2:19)
 - f. Lifting up thy hands toward Him (Lamentations 2:19)
2. The protection of repentance (Lamentations 2:18-19)
 - a. Let not the apple of thine eye cease (Lamentations 2:18).
 - b. Interceding for those that faint for hunger (Lamentations 2:19)
3. The motivation for repentance (Lamentations 2:18-19)
 - a. Sparing the apple of thine eye (Lamentations 2:18)
 - b. The lives of the young children starving to death in the streets (Lamentations 2:19)

B. For God's Consideration (Lamentations 2:20-22)

1. Of the consequences (Lamentations 2:20-21)
 - a. Between the women and children (Lamentations 2:20)
 - (1) The women eat their fruit, and children of a span long.
 - (2) A span is approximately nine inches long and is the space between the pinky finger and thumb when the hand is spread out. One would think this would be premature babies.
 - b. To the spiritual leaders (Lamentations 2:20)
 - (1) The priest is slain in the sanctuary of the Lord.
 - (2) The prophet is slain in the sanctuary of the Lord.
 - c. To the most vulnerable (Lamentations 2:21)
 - (1) The young lie on the ground in the streets.
 - (2) The old lie on the ground in the streets.
 - d. To the most promising (Lamentations 2:21)
 - (1) My virgins are fallen by the sword.
 - (2) My young men are fallen by the sword.
2. Of God's involvement (Lamentations 2:20-21)
 - a. Thou hast done this (Lamentations 2:20).
 - b. Thou hast slain (Lamentations 2:21).
 - (1) In the day of thine anger
 - (2) Thou hast killed.
 - (3) Thou hast not pitied.
3. Of the successes of the enemy (Lamentations 2:22)
 - a. Thou hast called terrors round about.
 - b. None escaped or remained.
 - c. The enemy has consumed those that Israel swaddled and brought up.