



DAILY DEVOTIONS



What does this passage say?



What did this passage mean to its original audience?



What does this passage tell us about God?



What does this passage tell us about man?



What does this passage demand of me?



How does this passage change the way I relate to people?



How does this passage prompt me to pray?

LAMENTATIONS 3:19

In Israel's darkest moment, Jeremiah said, "Great is your faithfulness" (3:23). Jeremiah was able to say, through unthinkable tragedy, "The Lord is my portion, therefore I will put my hope in him" (3:24). He didn't have all the answers, but he had God, and that was enough. We can trust God "with our pain, our confusion, and grief even when he gives no answers, precisely because he is big enough to be the only answer we need." In your pain and confusion, trust a faithful God who, even when it feels like He gives few answers, gives us Himself.

WHERE DO YOU TURN TO WHEN YOU ARE HURTING AND CONFUSED?

HOW MIGHT GOD'S FAITHFULNESS GIVE YOU HOPE IN TRIALS?

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO GIVE HOPE TO OTHERS WHO ARE HURTING?

Derek Rishmawy, "The God Who Hears Our Laments," *More Orthodoxy*, April 1, 2020 <https://morsorthodoxy.com/god-hears-laments/>

DAY 02

MATTHEW 1:17-23

HOW MIGHT JESUS' BIRTH SHOW GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU?

HOW DOES THE CHRISTMAS STORY AFFECT THE WAY YOU FEEL TOWARD GOD?

HOW CAN YOU IMITATE THE HEART OF GOD THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON?

DAY 03

MATTHEW 2:1-12

Imagine the sight of a politician or the CEO of a successful company bowing before a child. That's kind of how the wise men were. Picture the men's joy and generosity before the young Jesus. At Christmas, we sing songs like "O Come Let Us Adore Him." The gift of Jesus is an invitation for worship. It is an opportunity to come before God with joy and a time to lay our treasures before Jesus—for He is our greatest treasure. The light of God leads us to His Son, so we should give our worship to the One who is the greatest gift of all.

WHAT IS KEEPING YOU FROM EXPERIENCING MORE JOY THIS CHRISTMAS?

HOW CAN YOU WORSHIP AND ADORE JESUS ON A DAILY BASIS?

WHAT GIFT OR ACT OF GENEROSITY WOULD SHOW HOW PRECIOUS JESUS IS TO YOU?

