

QUOTE OF THE DAY.

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases
His mercies never come to an end,
They are new every morning
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Great is Your faithfulness, O Lord
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NOTES ON TODAY'S TOPIC.

One Bible One Year 21. Lamentations
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Lamentations 3:1-

Purpose 1: Real feelings for a change - life isn't as it should be

V1-3 = aalep
I'm far from home

V4-6 = bêt
I'm wasting away

V7-9 = gêmel
I can't escape the prison I've created

Purpose 2: Robust analysis of the situation - seemingly hopeless

V10-12 = daalet
I'm left without help

V13-15 = hê
I have a heart full of bitter emotions

V16-18 = waaw
I can't humble myself but am pressed down

Purpose 3: Reasoned answer to real problems - there is a way forward

V19-21 = zayin
I remember the lost past

V22-24 = hêt
I'll change my attitude to the present (even if circumstances don't change)

V25-27 = têt
I'll look to the Lord's salvation future

3 gifts to call to mind

1. The compassionate love of God fills us v22
2. The faithful promises of God secure us v23
3. The new creation inheritance (portion) of God ennobles us v24

FURTHER THINKING.

*For study questions on the book of
Lamentations see also One Bible One
Year Lamentations summary leaflet*

NEXT WEEK.

Next week we will be looking at the book of Ezekiel. Please read the book through and ask what the book tells us about God and us made in his image to be his people.

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