

Lamentations 3:1-9; 19-24

God's Steadfast Love Endures

- ¹ I am one who has seen affliction
under the rod of God's^[a] wrath;
- ² he has driven and brought me
into darkness without any light;
- ³ against me alone he turns his hand,
again and again, all day long.
- ⁴ He has made my flesh and my skin waste away,
and broken my bones;
- ⁵ he has besieged and enveloped me
with bitterness and tribulation;
- ⁶ he has made me sit in darkness
like the dead of long ago.
- ⁷ He has walled me about so that I cannot escape;
he has put heavy chains on me;
- ⁸ though I call and cry for help,
he shuts out my prayer;
- ⁹ he has blocked my ways with hewn stones,
he has made my paths crooked.
- ¹⁹ The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall!
- ²⁰ My soul continually thinks of it
and is bowed down within me.
- ²¹ But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
- ²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,^[a]
his mercies never come to an end;
- ²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
- ²⁴ "The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."

Footnotes:

1. [Lamentations 3:1](#) Heb *his*

