

Lamentations 3:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me.

Analysis

Soul bowed down within—self-humbling before God. Opposite of pride. Necessary posture for receiving mercy.

Historical Context

Exile broke national pride. Israel learned not automatically blessed but needed genuine repentance.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. Why is humility essential before God can restore?
2. Why is remembering affliction both painful and necessary for spiritual restoration?
3. How does the humbling of the soul relate to genuine repentance and return to God?

Interlinear Text

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hath them still hath them still and is humbled My soul
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 42:11 (Parallel theme): Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Psalms 43:5 (Parallel theme): Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Job 21:6 (Parallel theme): Even when I remember I am afraid, and trembling taketh hold on my flesh.

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