

# Lamentations 3:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope.

## Analysis

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Putting mouth in dust—ultimate submission and humility. If perhaps there is hope. Like Abraham (Genesis 18:27).

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern submission gesture. Complete surrender to superior power, hoping for mercy.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How does humbled petition demonstrate proper approach to God?
2. What does putting one's mouth in the dust symbolize about complete humiliation before God?
3. How might this posture of extreme lowliness be a path to restoration?

## Interlinear Text

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וְיִתְּבַּשֵּׂר בְּעָפָר אֵלִי שׁ ! תִּתְּבַּחַד  
He putteth in the dust his mouth if so be there may be hope  
H5414 H6083 H6310 H194 H3426 H8615

## Additional Cross-References

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**Job 40:4** (Parallel theme): Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.

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