

Lamentations 3:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

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

Historical Context

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

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

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

יֵת	בְּעָפָר	פִּי יְהוָה	אֲזַל י	יֵשׁ	תִּקְוָה:
He putteth	in the dust	his mouth	H194	if so be there may be	hope
H5414	H6083	H6310		H3426	H8615

Additional Cross-References

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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