

Lamentations 3:42

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

We have transgressed and have rebelled: thou hast not pardoned.

Analysis

Confession: we have transgressed and rebelled. Owning sin, not just complaining. Prerequisite for restoration.

Historical Context

Finally acknowledging guilt after verses of complaint. True repentance owns responsibility.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. Why does confession need to precede petition for mercy?
2. How does corporate confession ('we have transgressed') differ from mere acknowledgment of national calamity?
3. What does God's refusal to pardon teach about the seriousness of persistent rebellion?

Interlinear Text

לֹא אָפַת הָנָן וְמִרְיָהוּ פָשַׁעֲנוּ בְּחַנּוּ

We have transgressed and have rebelled

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have transgressed

H6586

and have rebelled

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לֹא אָפַת הָנָן

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H3808

סְלִיחָה:

thou hast not pardoned

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Additional Cross-References

Nehemiah 9:26 (Parallel theme): Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy prophets which testified against them to turn them to thee, and they wrought great provocations.

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