

# Lamentations 3:42

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

## Analysis

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

## Historical Context

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

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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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

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נָחֲנוּ	פָּשַׁעְנוּ	וַיִּמְרֹּ יְנוּ	לֹא	אָתָּה
<b>We</b>	<b>have transgressed</b>	<b>and have rebelled</b>	H859	H3808
H5168	H6586	H4784		

סָלַחְתָּ:

**thou hast not pardoned**

H5545

## Additional Cross-References

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**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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