

Lamentations 5:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For this our heart is faint; for these things our eyes are dim.

Analysis

Heart is faint, eyes are dim. Physical manifestation of spiritual/emotional exhaustion. Comprehensive suffering.

Historical Context

Trauma produces physical symptoms. Heart palpitations, vision problems from grief and malnourishment.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How do we minister to those experiencing trauma that manifests physically?
2. How does the connection between heart sickness and failing eyesight express total despair?
3. What spiritual truths about grief and desolation are revealed in this psychosomatic description?

Interlinear Text

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| H5921 | H2088 | H1961 | is faint | For this our heart | H5921 | H428 | are dim | | |
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 1:5 (Parallel theme): Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

Psalms 6:7 (Parallel theme): Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.

Job 17:7 (Parallel theme): Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow, and all my members are as a shadow.

Lamentations 2:11 (Parallel theme): Mine eyes do fail with tears, my bowels are troubled, my liver is poured upon the earth, for the destruction of the daughter of my people; because the children and the sucklings swoon in the streets of the city.

Isaiah 38:14 (Parallel theme): Like a crane or a swallow, so did I chatter: I did mourn as a dove: mine eyes fail with looking upward: O LORD, I am oppressed; undertake for me.