

# Lamentations 5:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

## Analysis

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

## Historical Context

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

## Related Passages

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

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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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 H2821

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## Additional Cross-References

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**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.

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