

Lamentations 1 • When Recognition Finally Comes

1. (v.1-2) A **relationship** with the world which is allowed to supplant a biblical **relationship** with God results in **judgment** from God designed to precisely **expose** the truth of that behavior.
2. (v.3-5) **Rebellion** to our covenant relationship with the Lord reverses one's **position** compared to the world's and invokes a profound response of **mourning** on the part of the Lord.
3. (v.6-10) Just as **adulterous** behavior renders the **marriage** relationship both legally and spiritually empty and without credibility, so **unfaithfulness** renders the same in our **ministry** and **testimony** where our Christianity is concerned.
4. (v.13-15) God brings about true **recognition** of how He has been **working** on every internal and external level to see one's true spiritual **condition**.
5. (v.16-17) God brings about **personal** recognition that there is no viable alternative except **Him** alone.
6. (v.18-20) There is finally recognition not just of the spiritual **superiority** and **authority** of the Lord, but the real behavior of **rebellion** to His Word which is the true **root cause** of everything that has been subsequently experienced.
7. (v.21-22) The only cure for disobedience is **obedience**; the only cure for unfaithfulness is **faithfulness**.
8. **Overall Application:** Read 1 Co. 11:31-32