

Lamentations 3:19-33, 55-66

Common English Bible

- 19 The memory of my suffering and homelessness is bitterness and poison.
20 I can't help but remember and am depressed.
21 I call all this to mind—therefore, I will wait.
22 Certainly the faithful love of the Lord hasn't ended; certainly God's compassion isn't through!
23 They are renewed every morning. Great is your faithfulness.
24 I think: The Lord is my portion! Therefore, I'll wait for him.
25 The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the person who seeks him.
26 It's good to wait in silence for the Lord's deliverance.
27 It's good for a man to carry a yoke in his youth.
28 He should sit alone and be silent when God lays it on him.
29 He should put his mouth in the dirt—perhaps there is hope.
30 He should offer his cheek for a blow; he should be filled with shame.
31 My Lord definitely won't reject forever.
32 Although he has caused grief, he will show compassion in measure with his covenant loyalty.
33 He definitely doesn't enjoy affliction, making humans suffer.
- 55 I call on your name, Lord, from the depths of the pit.
56 Hear my voice. Don't close your ear to my need for relief, to my cry for help.
57 Come near to me on the day I call to you. Say to me, "Don't be afraid."
58 My Lord! Plead my desperate case; redeem my life.
59 Lord, look at my mistreatment; judge my cause.
60 Look at all of my enemies' vengeance, all of their scheming against me.
61 Hear their jeering, Lord, all of their scheming against me,
62 the speech of those who rise up against me, their incessant gossiping about me.
63 Whether sitting or standing, look at how I am the object of their song of ridicule.
64 Pay them back fully, Lord, according to what they have done.
65 Give them a tortured mind—put your curse on them
66 Angrily hunt them down; wipe them out from under the Lord's heaven.

Check out the Jewish Publication Society's translation (1985) of the passage on [Sefaria.org](https://www.sefaria.org).

Go to: <https://www.sefaria.org/Lamentations.3.57?lang=en>.

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New Revised Standard Version

- 19 The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall!
20 My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.
21 But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,[a] his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
24 "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."
25 The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.
26 It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.
27 It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.
31 For the Lord will not reject forever.
32 Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.
- 55 I called on your name, O Lord, from the depths of the pit;
56 you heard my plea, "Do not close your ear to my cry for help, but give me relief!"
57 You came near when I called on you; you said, "Do not fear!"
58 You have taken up my cause, O Lord, you have redeemed my life.
59 You have seen the wrong done to me, O Lord; judge my cause.
60 You have seen all their malice, all their plots against me.
61 You have heard their taunts, O Lord, all their plots against me.
62 The whispers and murmurs of my assailants are against me all day long.
63 Whether they sit or rise—see, I am the object of their taunt-songs.
64 Pay them back for their deeds, O Lord, according to the work of their hands!
65 Give them anguish of heart; your curse be on them!
66 Pursue them in anger and destroy them from under the Lord's heavens.