

**Title** Tomorrow: Hope on the Horizon  
**Series** A New Day  
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**Text** Lamentations 3:17-24

## Sermon Notes

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### Lamentations 3

17 My soul has been rejected from peace; I have forgotten happiness.

18 So I say, "My strength has perished, and so *has* my hope from the LORD."

19 Remember my affliction and my wandering, the wormwood and bitterness.

20 Surely my soul remembers and is bowed down within me.

21 This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope.

22 The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail.

23 *They* are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

24 "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I have hope in Him."

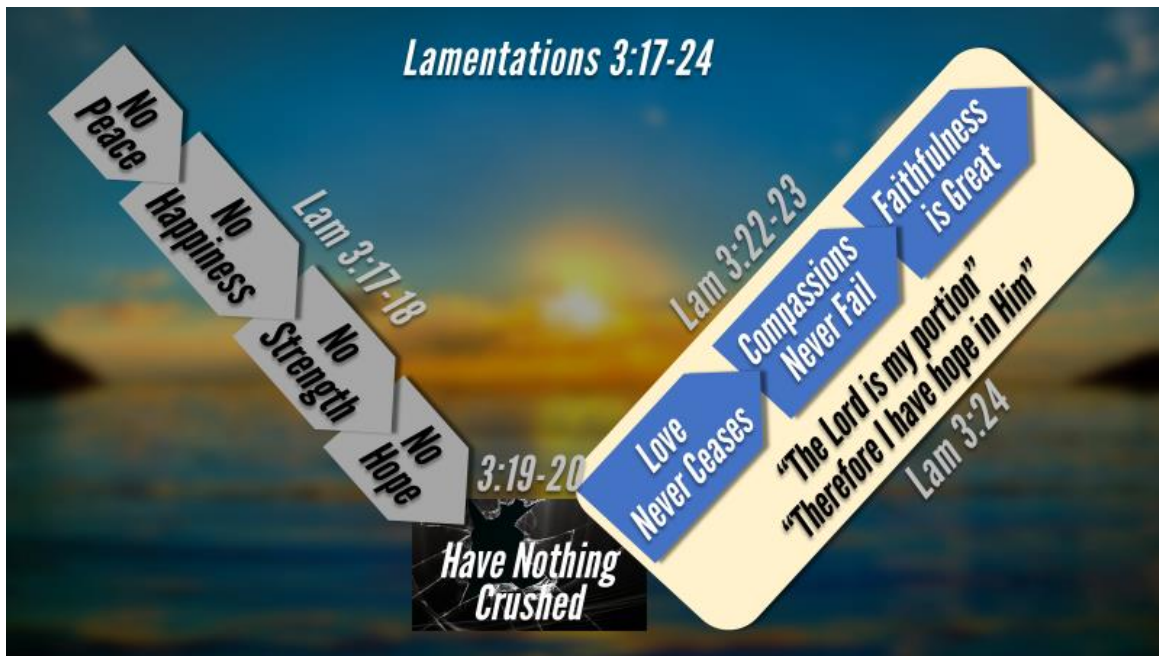
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## Big Idea:

### Lamentations 3:24

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## For Reflection & Application:



### Monday:

- Read Lamentations 3:17-20. Do you ever feel what is described in these verses? The author of Lamentations has lost all hope. Lamentations is no doubt one of the most sorrowful, mournful books of the Bible. Yet right in the middle of it, the author finds great hope in God. Over the next days, we will explore how he finds this hope. Ask God to help open your eyes to the great hope that He has for you.

### Tuesday:

- Read Lamentation 3:21-22: Verse 21 says, "This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope." In the midst of one of the most hopeless moments, how does the author find hope? He says he found hope by remembering some valuable truths. What were the first truths he remembered in verse 22? How do these truths about God bring you hope? Note that the first truth is the same as the theme from Part 1 of the sermon series: "His love endures forever." It is stated here in verse 22 also. God's love never pauses, never stops, never ends.

### Wednesday:

- Read Lamentations 3:22-23. According to these verses, God's compassions for you are renewed every morning, and He is faithful to never skip a single morning. Compassion means that God not only takes care of us, but He also feels our hurts and our sorrows, and desires to love and care for us.

### Thursday:

- Read Lamentations 3:24. What does it mean for God to be our portion? Sometimes we think that we need a specific circumstance to have hope. According to this verse, however, our hope can be in Him regardless of our circumstances.

### Friday:

- Read Psalm 73:1-26. Notice how this passage parallels Lamentations 3:17-24. They both begin by describing their suffering and by concluding that they have nothing. Then there is a realization of the truths of who God is (Lamentations 3:22-24, Psalm 73:23-26). In the end, they both conclude that God is their portion. While the reasons for their suffering were different, their conclusion was the same: that even when you think you have nothing at all, you still have the greatest One of all.