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ADMINISTRATION

**“How Should We Respond to
Those Under False Teachers?”**

MATTHEW 23:37-39



But if you will not listen, my soul will weep in secret for your pride; my eyes will weep bitterly and run down with tears, because the LORD's flock has been taken captive.

Jeremiah 13:17



KEY POINT:

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I. Jesus' Compassion for His People (vs. 37-38)



*And the king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept.
And as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"*

II Samuel 18:33



*Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you,
that he might sift you like wheat,*

Luke 22:31



And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”

Acts 9:4



*⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone,
was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world,
and the world was made through him,
yet the world did not know him.*

*¹¹ He came to his own,
and his own people did not receive him.*

John 1:9-11



*How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of
your wings.*

Psalm 36:7



*Like birds hovering, so the LORD of hosts will protect
Jerusalem; he will protect and deliver it;
he will spare and rescue it.*

Isaiah 31:5



*Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.*

Isaiah 55:3





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DEEP
MERCY

DISCOVERING THE GRACE OF
LAMENT

MARK
VROEGOP



“Who taught you to cry?
The answer, of course, is ‘no
one.’ Although you don’t
remember it, the first sound
you made when you left the
warm and protected home of
your mother’s womb was a
loud wail. A heartfelt protest...

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“...Every human being has the same opening story.

Life begins with tears.

It’s simply a part of what it means to be human—to cry is

human. But lament is different. The practice of lament—the kind...

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“... that is biblical, honest,
and redemptive—is not as
natural for us, because every
lament is a prayer. A statement
of faith. Lament is the honest
cry of a hurting heart wrestling
with the paradox of pain and
the promise...

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“...of God’s goodness...

To pray in pain, even with its messy struggle and tough questions, is an act of faith where we open up our hearts to God. Prayerful lament is better than silence...lament stands in the gap between pain and promise.”

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I. Jesus' Compassion for His People (vs. 37-38)

II. Jesus' Coming for His People (vs. 39)



*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
We bless you from the house of the Lord.*

Psalm 118:26



*¹ The oracle of the word of the LORD concerning Israel:
Thus declares the LORD, who stretched out the
heavens and founded the earth and formed the spirit
of man within him: ² “Behold, I am about to make
Jerusalem a cup of staggering to all the surrounding
peoples. The siege of Jerusalem will also be against
Judah. ³ On that day I will make Jerusalem a heavy...*

Zechariah 12:1-13:1



...stone for all the peoples. All who lift it will surely hurt themselves. And all the nations of the earth will gather against it. ⁴ On that day, declares the LORD, I will strike every horse with panic, and its rider with madness. But for the sake of the house of Judah I will keep my eyes open, when I strike every horse of the peoples with blindness. ⁵ Then the clans of Judah...

Zechariah 12:1-13:1



...shall say to themselves, 'The inhabitants of Jerusalem have strength through the LORD of hosts, their God.' ⁶ *"On that day I will make the clans of Judah like a blazing pot in the midst of wood, like a flaming torch among sheaves. And they shall devour to the right and to the left all the surrounding peoples, while Jerusalem...*

Zechariah 12:1-13:1



*...shall again be inhabited in its place, in Jerusalem
7 “And the LORD will give salvation to the tents of
Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and
the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem may not
surpass that of Judah. 8 On that day the LORD will
protect the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the
feeblest among them on that day shall be like David,...*

Zechariah 12:1-13:1



*...and the house of David shall be like God, like the
angel of the LORD, going before them.*

*⁹ And on that day I will seek to destroy all the nations
that come against Jerusalem. ¹⁰ “And I will pour out on
the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a
spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they
look on me, on him whom they have pierced,...*

Zechariah 12:1-13:1



...they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn ¹¹ On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. ¹² The land shall mourn, each family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of...

Zechariah 12:1-13:1



...the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves;¹³ the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shimeites by itself, and their wives by themselves;¹⁴ and all the families that are left, each by itself, and their wives by themselves...

Zechariah 12:1-13:1



13:1 “...On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.

Zechariah 12:1-13:1



*As he sat on the Mount of Olives,
the disciples came to him privately, saying,
“Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be
the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”*

Matthew 24:3



“You need to know that
lament does not always lead to
an immediate solution.
It does not always bring a
quick or timely answer.
Grief is not tame. Lament is
not a simplistic formula...

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“...Instead, lament is the song you sing believing that one day God will answer and restore. Lament invites us to pray through our struggle with a life that is far from perfect.”

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The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

II Peter 3:9

