

4. We have hope in the Lord, even in great times of trial. What does Jeremiah tell us in Chapter 3 regarding this hope? (see Lam. 3:21-26)

Let's pray this week for God to show us the sin in our lives that we need to repent of. Additionally, let's begin to pray in a mighty way for the leadership in our church and in our nation, praying that in all that we and they do, we follow God.

When we adopt a lifestyle of self-dependence, of reliance on other gods and sources of strength apart from God, we sin greatly. We can easily slide into a lifestyle and way of thinking that runs counter to God's will; one that fools us into thinking we do not need God, or that He is somehow not aware of our actions. Clearly, however, God is always aware. He sees and knows all that we do and think; and we as individuals and as a nation, will be judged for it.

Finally, let's commit this week to "wait quietly" for the salvation of the Lord, and not to become dependent on ourselves or others for our salvation. God is very much on His throne, and seated to his right is Christ Jesus, the coming Messiah. Surely, He is worthy of our commitment to put all of our hope and faith in Him, as our one-and-only true Savior.

Thanks for studying with us. Have a great week everyone!

In Christ,

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