

Read Telescopically

TODAY'S PASSAGE:

Lamentations 3:22-33

Many people are fond of citing portions of today's assigned passage. It speaks of God's great love and faithfulness, and His compassions that never fail. What a positive and optimistic outlook, right?

We would venture to guess that only a small percentage of people who quote these verses have put them in context. If you step back and examine the passage in its context, you'll find that it sits right in the middle of the book of Lamentations, a series of funeral dirges.

Read the passage. How do these verses make you feel about God?

The book of Lamentations isn't very long. Read it straight through in order to put the previous verses in their context. As you read these five chapters, make a list of events that are taking place during this time.

Reread Lamentations 3:22-33. Does the significance of this passage change from your previous reading? In what way?