

**03 – Lamentations 4:1-22 – Lament the false teaching**

**What grieves your heart?**

... permission to cry out to God in grief.

... ask God to change things

... to trust God in the face of grief.

**Lamentations 4**

... wrath of God has turned their world completely upside down.

verse 11... YHWH has given full vent to his wrath.

... His wrath has been expended, but his love is unending

**Why is God angry?**

... verse 12

... because the people God appointed to teach his word and mediate for his people have failed to be true to God.

**Jeremiah 6:13-15**

*13 'From the least to the greatest, all are greedy for gain;  
prophets and priests alike, all practise deceit.*

*14 They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious.*

*"Peace, peace," they say, when there is no peace.*

*15 Are they ashamed of their detestable conduct?*

*No, they have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush.*

*So they will fall among the fallen; they will be brought down when I punish them,'  
says the Lord.*

**Jeremiah 14:14 ... prophesying lies in God's name.**

**Jeremiah:21-23 ... Uriah who was tracked down and killed**

**Lamentations 4:17 ... the call to Egypt for help**

... even when the prophets God had sent warned them not to.

verse 15 ... despised and to be avoided at all costs... by every nation.

**A glimmer of future hope**

**Verse 21 ... Edom is called upon to rejoice**

**God's great promises.**

**... all the nations to be held to account**

**... one day there would be a return from exile**

**see Jeremiah 29:10. "when seventy years are complete for Babylon, I will come and fulfil my good promise to bring you back to this place".**

**For us today**

**1) Lament the deep impact of false teaching.**

**Do you lament the impact of false teachers in our diocese?**

**2) Lament with hope**

**3) Thank God for the gift of lament.**