

## **Sermon Starter: His Great Unfailing Love (Lam. 3:31-40)**

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### Introduction

We do not read/study/know Lamentations. We know 3:22-24 in song: "The Steadfast Love of the Lord Never Ceases...." I do not read Lamentations often, but I am finishing up my Old Testament reading for the year.

What a picture of God! In the midst of destruction, the questions continually echo, "Has God changed? Where is the God of love and mercy?" The prophet's answer is to declare God's unchanging, unfailing, steadfast love.

I am thankful that the God of unfailing love is my God!

Here are some of my assurances, based on God's unfailing love.

-1- He does not reject us forever without remedy (v. 31). His merciful discipline is not forever. We are assuredly his children because he corrects and shapes and transforms us.

-2- In the midst of our grief, he is compassionate (v. 32). Even when our difficulties are deserved, when our trials are self-inflicted, or when God himself is allowing us the consequences of our bad decisions, he looks upon us with compassion because his steadfast love is superabundant.

-3- His will for us is not that we suffer affliction (v. 33). Afflictions may come, but they do not reflect the heart of God and his desire for us.

-4- He sees injustice (vv. 34-36). He sees when dignity is suppressed, when justice is denied, when just claims are subverted.

-5- He controls the direction and destiny of the world, and controls our future through both calamities and good things (vv. 37-38).

-6- Let us acknowledge that God is just, without complaint. Let us continually examine our lives and return to the Lord.