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AN EXPECTED END

As we study the lives of the bible's true prophets of God, we see something that they had in common. They were despised by those that were not serving God. They did not have an easy life. Let us look at Jeremiah.

In the Book of Lamentations [written by Jeremiah] we see Jeremiah's despair in chapter 3.

- Verse 1 speaks of being the man afflicted by God.
- Verse 2 says God brought him into darkness.
- Verse 3 says God turned his hand against him.
- Verse 7 says God hedged him in and could not get out.
- Verse 8 says God shut him off from prayer.
- Verse 14 says he was a derision to his people, and a mockery in song all day long.
- Verse 17 says his soul was far from peace and prosperity.

Then surprisingly enough after these declarations of despair Jeremiah remembers God and his promises.

- Verse 20 says he was humbled.
- Verse 21 says he had hope.
- Verse 22 says he is reminded that God's mercies keep him from being consumed.
- Verse 22 says he is reminded that God's compassions fail not.
- Verse 23 says the LORD's compassions and mercies are new every morning.
- Verse 23 speaks of God's faithfulness.
- Verse 24 he calls the LORD his portion and he will hope in him.

As we go on in this chapter verse 25, He reminds himself that, ***"The LORD is good unto them that wait for him and to the soul that seeketh him [God]."***

Are you having a rough day? Then read this entire chapter and be reminded that God has not forsaken us even when things look their worst. Verse 57 says, ***"Thou drewest near in the day that I called upon thee: thou saidst, Fear not."*** Then verse 58 -66 concludes this chapter full of hope that God has redeemed Jeremiah's life, and he trusts that he will take care of his enemies.

Many often have a pity party like Jeremiah did, but if we surrender our thoughts to the Lord like Jeremiah did, hope will arise, and we see that there is always an expected end. Jeremiah is no different than we are. God came through for him and he will come through for us. ***"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."*** [Jeremiah 29:11.]