

The Book of LAMENTATIONS

JUST a memory, is all that remains,
Of one who was great, on, O so distant
plains!
Decked in beauty, once she did lie,
Now by those who once honored her, she is
scorned and despised.
They have seen her nakedness and have
turned their eyes!
Just a memory; look what has come to be,
Not just a memory but much hurt and
grief,
Because her sins were multiplied;
All her pleasant things are denied!
As a menstruating woman she is defiled!
My eyes run with water, yes, they weep,
Because they hold... Oh! So much more
than just a memory!

LAMENTATIONS 1

¹How deserted sits the city that was once full
of people!
How has she who was great among the na-
tions, become just like a widow!
The princess among the provinces, has be-
come a slave!
²In the night she weeps bitterly,
her tears are on her cheeks.
She finds none to comfort her among all her
lovers.
All her friends have dealt treacherously with
her;
they have all become her enemies.
³Judah has gone into captivity under affliction
and bitter servitude.
She dwells among the nations and she finds
no rest.
All her persecutors overtook her in deep trou-
ble.
⁴The road to Zion mourns because no one
comes to the set feasts
All her gates are desolate;
her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted,
and she is in bitterness.
⁵Her enemies are prosperous; her adversaries
have become her master,
for the Lord has afflicted her because of her
many sins.
Her children have gone into captivity before
the enemy.
⁶From the daughter of Zion all the beauty is
gone.
Her princes have become like deer that find no
pasture,
they flee without strength before those who
pursue.
⁷In the days of her affliction and her miseries,

Jerusalem remembers all her pleasant things,
that she had in the days of old.
When her people fell into the hand of the en-
emy, with no one to help her!
Her adversaries saw her, and mocked at her
downfall.
⁸Jerusalem has grievously sinned,
and she has become vile because of this thing.
By all who once honored her she is despised
because they have seen her nakedness with
their eyes.
She sighs and turns away.
⁹Her filthiness is in her skirts.
She never considered her future,
therefore with an awesome collapse she came
down.
She had no comforter; no comfort to her was
found.
"O Lord, behold my affliction,
for the enemy has magnified himself"
¹⁰Upon all her pleasant things the adversary
has spread his hand.
She has seen the nations enter her sanctuary,
those whom You commanded not to enter
Your assembly.
¹¹All her people sigh; they seek bread;
they have given their valuables for food to re-
lieve their hunger.
"See, O Lord and consider this,
for I am become vile; I am scorned."
¹²"Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?
Look and see if there is any sorrow like mine,
which has been brought upon me,
with which the Lord has afflicted me
in the day of His fierce anger.
¹³"He sent fire into my bones from above.
It prevailed against them.
He has spread a net for my feet and turned
me back;
He has made me desolate and weary all day.
¹⁴The yoke of my transgressions was bound.
They were woven together by His hands,
and brought up upon my neck.
He has made my strength to fail.
The Lord has delivered me into the hands,
of those whom I am not able to defeat.
¹⁵The Lord has trampled underfoot all my
mighty men in me.
He has called an assembly against me
to crush my young men.
The Lord has trampled the virgin daughter of
Judah, as in a winepress.
¹⁶For these things I weep; water runs down
my eyes;
because the Comforter who should bring relief
to my soul is far from me.

My children are desolate because the enemy prevailed.”

¹⁷Zion spread out her hands but no one comforts her.

The Lord has commanded concerning Jacob, that his adversaries should be all around him. Jerusalem has become as a menstruating woman among them, unclean.

¹⁸“The Lord is righteous; for against His commands I have rebelled.

“Hear all peoples, and behold my sorrow. My virgins and my young men have gone into captivity.

¹⁹I called for my lovers but they deceived me. My priests and my elders are dead in the city, seeking food to save their hungry souls.

²⁰“Behold, O Lord, for I am in distress. My spirit is troubled; my heart is overturned within me, for I have grievously rebelled against You, O Lord.

The sword bereaves abroad; there is death at home.

²¹They have heard that I sigh, but no one comforts me.

All of my enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that You have done it, O my Lord.

Hasten the day that you have announced, that they may become just like me.

²²Let all their wickedness come before You, and do to them as You have done to me for all my transgressions, for my sighs are many and my heart is faint.”

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Freedom is not your liberty to do as you please, it is your opportunity to flourish in the garden of Your Creator; restrain yourself or be others will constrain you.*
2. *Forsake your sins or they will make you desolate and forsaken.*
3. *Sin is captivity waiting to manifest to the natural eye when it leads you into captivity or hell; heed the warning of the prophets, fear God.*
4. *Crucify your flesh and not just wear a crucifix to adorn your sinful flesh; bear the name of the God you wear as a holy nation.*
5. *Often corrected but you harden your heart, it will lead to sudden destruction; defile the temple (your body) and God will destroy it.*
6. *Life is governed by rules set by God; you may choose to ignore the rules but life cannot.*
7. *Your city cannot withstand your sins, it will surrender in defeat.*
8. *There is no heaven in sin or haven from the judgment of sin; do not wait upon the fire from heaven to fear the Lord; do not wait upon hell to repent.*
9. *Those who celebrated you and celebrated with you, will celebrate your downfall and revel without you.*
10. *Address your rebellion before it addresses you.*
11. *You cannot celebrate their downfall when you embrace the sin which caused their downfall.*
12. *Judgment of sin is absolute and settled; it has no partiality or preference, it got them first; it is coming for you.*

PRAYER POINTS

- I assign angelic fire to every spirit causing believers to use their freedom in Christ to entertain their flesh, in the name of Jesus.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I drive complacency from the hearts of believers, in the name of Jesus.
- I fear You Father; I stubbornly refuse to be a captive of sin or to transact any business with sin. Amen.
- Lord Jesus, I bring my flesh in subjection to You; I mortify it with its desires so You can come alive fully in me. Amen.
- My Father, my God, give me a tender heart to hear You. Amen.

THE Lord has swallowed up; He has cut off.

The Lord has covered us up in His fierce wrath!

Ah, the tabernacle! Ah, the altars are down! The wall and gates are sunken to the ground!

Where is the grain? Where is the wine?

Why are these tears filling up my eyes?

The young men and virgins are destroyed.

How great is God's judgment on all those who sin!

LAMENTATIONS 2

¹See how the Lord has covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in His anger! He cast down the beauty of Israel from heaven to the earth, and did not remember His footstool in the day of His anger.

²The Lord has swallowed up and has not pitied all the dwelling places of Jacob. He has thrown down the strongholds of the daughter of Judah in His wrath. He has polluted the kingdom and the princes thereof.

³In His fierce anger He has cut off every horn of Israel; He has drawn back His right hand from before the enemy.

He blazes against Jacob like a flaming fire that devours all around.

⁴Just like an enemy He has bent His bow. Like an adversary He has slain with His right hand all who were pleasing to His eye, He has poured out His fury like fire on the tabernacle of the daughter of Jacob.

⁵The Lord was like an enemy; He has swallowed Israel up. He has swallowed up all her palaces. He has destroyed her strongholds, and has increased mourning and lamentations in the daughter of Judah.

⁶He has taken away his tabernacle violently. He has destroyed the place of His assembly, as if plucking up a garden.

The Lord has caused the solemn feasts and Sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion.

In the indignation of His anger He has de-

spised the king and priest.

⁷The Lord has cast off His altar.

He has abhorred His sanctuary.

He has given up the walls of her palaces into the hand of the enemy.

They make a noise in the Lord's house as on the day of the solemn feast.

⁸The Lord has purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion.

He has stretched out a line.

He has not withdrawn His hand from destroying, therefore He has caused the walls and the rampart to lament;

they languish together.

⁹Her gates have sunk into the ground.

He has destroyed and broken her bars.

Her king and her princes are among the Gentiles.

The Law is no more and her prophets find no vision from the Lord.

¹⁰The elders of the daughter of Zion sit on the ground in silence.

They throw dust on their heads and gird themselves with sackcloth.

The virgins of Jerusalem hang their heads down to the ground.

¹¹My eyes fail with tears; my spirit is troubled.

My heart is poured out on the ground, because of the destruction of my people, because the children and the infants faint in the streets of the city.

¹²They say to their mothers, "Where is the grain and wine?"

When they faint away like the wounded in the streets of the city,

as their life is poured out in their mother's bosom.

¹³With what shall I console you?

To what shall I liken you, O daughter of Jerusalem?

To what shall I compare you that I may comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion?

For your ruin is great like the wide sea.

Who can heal you?

¹⁴The prophets have seen vain and deceptive visions for you falsely.

They have not uncovered your iniquity to turn your captivity away, but have envisioned for you false prophecies and delusions.

¹⁵All who pass by clap their hands at you, and hiss and shake their heads at the daughter of Jerusalem, saying,

"Is this the city that men call, 'The perfection of beauty, the joy of the whole earth?'"

¹⁶All your enemies have opened their mouth against you.

They hiss and gnash their teeth,

and say, "We have swallowed her up!

Surely this is the day we have waited for.

We have found it; we have seen it!"

¹⁷The Lord has done what He has purposed.

He has fulfilled His word which He commanded from olden days.

He has thrown down and has shown no pity, and He has caused your enemy to rejoice over you.

He has exalted the horn of your adversaries.

¹⁸Their heart cried out to the Lord, "O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night; give yourself no rest; do not permit your eyelids to rest.

¹⁹"Arise, arise, cry out in the night!

Pour out your heart at the beginning of the watches.

Pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord.

Lift up your hands unto Him,

for the life of your young children who faint for hunger at the top of every street."

²⁰"Behold, O Lord and consider!

To whom have You done this?

Shall the women eat their offspring,

the children they bore?

Shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord?

²¹"Young and old lie on the ground in the streets.

My virgins and my young men have fallen by the sword.

In the day of Your anger You have slain them all.

You have killed, and You have not pitied, Lord.

²²As in a solemn feast day, You have invited the terrors all around me,

in the day of the Lord's anger, there was no escapee or survivor.

My enemies have destroyed those whom I have borne and brought up."

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Your position of grace must be maintained by faith; you are not too blessed, too beautiful, too favored, too close to the Lord to be judged too for your sins.*
2. *The greater the investment, the greater the responsibility, and the greater response to your dishonor; the more placed in your account, the more accountability is required of you.*
3. *Live in enmity of the laws of God and you make Him an enemy; walk adverse to His will and He will become your adversary.*
4. *Push away the Hands intended to build you and it will push back now extended to destroy you.*
5. *The warnings you reject never retreat; it will spring back as the reminder of your stubbornness when you are rejected in defeat.*
6. *If their sins grieve you to the soul, their punishment will pierce you, for you do everything to warn them but you can do nothing to change them.*
7. *Begin crying for sinners now because you will cry as the sinner when their sins bring destruction.*
8. *The wrath of God on a city may spare the righteous but will not fear the righteous; whatever touches the city touches everyone in it.*
9. *Your continued physical freedom is in persistently leading your people and your city to spiritual freedom; physical captivity spares no one.*
10. *You can serve God in freedom or serve God in captivity; sin around you may not change your*

devotion, but the sin of your nation will change your location or at least restrict you there.

11. *Let sin lead you to painful tears and urgency to inspire change, or judgment will.*
12. *Your freedom is granted but should not be taken for granted or it will be taken; it must be taken with the fear of the Lord and daily thanksgiving.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Righteous Father, I value my place in You and Your free gift of salvation; I guard my heart with care. Amen.
- Most High God, I will be faithful and accountable; find me to be a good steward. Amen.
- Mighty God, Consuming Fire, I tremble and cower at the thought of having You as an adversary; I walk softly before You. Amen.
- Righteous Lord, build me; I will not push You away. Amen.
- Holy Spirit, I will listen to corrections; I will respond to Your prompting. Amen.

HIS compassions never fails, His mercies endure;

They are new every morning; His faithfulness is sure!

Do not complain if you are severely punished, because of your sin.

Rather, search and try your ways and lift your hearts up to Him!

The waters overflowed me, but I hoped for I believed;

Great is Your faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

LAMENTATIONS 3

¹I am the man who has seen affliction by the rod of God's wrath.

²He has led me and brought me in darkness and not in light.

³Surely He is turned against me. He has turned His hand against me all throughout the day;

⁴He has made my flesh and my skin old. He has broken my bones.

⁵He has built a siege against me and surrounded me with bitterness and pain.

⁶He has set me in dark places like those dead of old.

⁷He has hedged me in so that I cannot get out. He makes my chains heavy.

⁸When I cry aloud He shuts my prayer out.

⁹He has enclosed my ways with hewn stone. He has made my paths crooked.

¹⁰He has been to me a bear lying in wait, like a lion waiting in the bush.

¹¹He has turned aside my ways, and torn me apart. He has made me desolate.

¹²He has bent His bow, and set me up as a mark for the arrow, a sure target.

¹³He has caused the arrows of His quiver to enter my body.

¹⁴I was a mockery to all my people and their song of ridicule all day.

¹⁵With bitterness He has filled me and made me drunk with wormwood.

¹⁶He has covered me with ashes and broken my teeth with gravel stones.

¹⁷You have removed my soul far from peace. I have forgotten prosperity.

¹⁸I said, "My strength and hope have perished from the Lord."

¹⁹Remember my affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall.

²⁰My soul is humbled in me, for it still remembers.

²¹I recall this in my mind, therefore I have hope.

²²It is because of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed,

because His compassions never fail,

²³they are new every morning.

Great is Your faithfulness, great is Your faithfulness, Lord!

²⁴"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore in Him I will hope!"

²⁵The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him.

²⁶It is good that one should hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

²⁷It is good for a man to bear the yoke in his youth.

²⁸He sits alone and keeps silent, because God has laid it on him.

²⁹Let him put his mouth in the dust, if yet there may be hope.

³⁰He gives his cheeks to the one who strikes him.

He is completely filled with reproach.

³¹For the Lord will not cast off forever.

³²Though He may cause grief, yet He will have compassion according to the multitude of His mercies.

³³For He does not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.

³⁴To crush under one's feet all the prisoners of the earth,

³⁵or to turn aside the right of a man before the face of the most High,

³⁶or to subvert a man in his cause, these the Lord does not approve of.

³⁷Who is he who speaks and it comes to pass, when the Lord has not commanded it?

³⁸From the mouth of the Most High God, you do not get evil and good?

³⁹Why does a living man complain for the punishment of his sins?

⁴⁰Let us search out and examine our ways, and turn to the Lord again.

⁴¹Let us lift up our hearts and our hands to God who is in heaven.

⁴²We have transgressed and have rebelled, and You have not pardoned.

⁴³You have covered us with Your anger and afflicted us.

You have slain us and not pitied.

⁴⁴You have covered Yourself with a cloud, so that prayer does not pass through.

⁴⁵You made us an off-scouring and refuse in the midst of the peoples.

⁴⁶All our enemies have opened their mouths against us.

⁴⁷Fear and a snare have come upon us, desolation and destruction too.

⁴⁸My eyes overflow with rivers of water for the destruction of the daughter of my people.

⁴⁹My drip flows without intermission and does not cease.

⁵⁰Until the Lord looks down from heaven and sees.

⁵¹My eyes bring anguish to my heart; because of the daughters of my city.

⁵²My enemies hunted me relentlessly without cause, just as a bird.

⁵³They cut off my life in the dungeon and threw stones at me.

⁵⁴The waters flowed over my head; then I said, "I am cut off."

⁵⁵I called on Your name, O Lord, out of the deep dungeon pit.

⁵⁶You have heard my voice:

"Do not hide Your ear from my cry for help."

⁵⁷You drew near in the day I called upon You, and told me, "Do not fear!"

⁵⁸O Lord, You have pleaded the cause of my soul, and redeemed my life from there.

⁵⁹O Lord, you have seen my wrong; judge my cause!

⁶⁰You have seen their vengeance and their evil plots against me.

⁶¹You have heard their reproach, O Lord!

All the plots of their heart against me,

⁶²the lips of my enemies and their conniving against me all the day.

⁶³Behold, I am their song of mockery when they sit down and when they rise.

⁶⁴Repay them, O Lord, according to the work of their hands.

⁶⁵Give them sorrow of heart. Your curse be upon them.

⁶⁶In Your anger, pursue and destroy them from under the heavens of the Lord.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. If you have seen His favor, savor Him; if you have seen His glory, glorify Him; if you perceive His anger, take refuge and hide in Him.
2. An unresponsive heart receives unimaginable, unfathomable and unbearable judgment.
3. When you 'heart-off' the judgment you are warned of, your heart will fail when the judgment becomes hands-on.
4. Your power to retain your glory and your strength lies in your willingness to receive and retain His word.
5. Address everything within you attracting the wrath of the Lord, for there is nothing within or about you that will remain attractive if the wrath is poured out.
6. Jerusalem, the picture of the grace and the glory of the church; called out and separated as the apple of His eye, is the picture of her disgrace when judgment begins with her.
7. Work with the Lord if you do not want Him working against you; work with the word or it will work your ruin; fight for the Lord for it is futile and foolish to fight Him.
8. Be foolish for the Lord rather than be made foolish and a laughing stock trying to preserve your

foolish ways.

9. There is glory to remember even in your disgrace and a road of grace leading back to His goodness.
10. Even in your mourning there is hope of a new morning and a new beginning; His mercies are new every morning; His faithfulness reaches beyond your sin to your deliverance.
11. Compass Him about with your plea of repentance and you will press through to His never-failing compassion.
12. Your hope for good is not because you are good and you have a good call, but because the Lord is good to all those who call upon Him.
13. You wait with reason, not because you can present one, but because He is good and compassionate; He is your reason.
14. God is not quick to bring judgment and grief, it must be forced; His ready compassion rides ahead of judgment to give it an exit.
15. Your pain because of sin is no reason to be complaining about your punishment, but to regain your senses, examine yourself and return to Him.
16. Access your open heavens while it remains open; keep your feet (prayers and praise) in the door and it will never be closed.
17. If your heavens are opened but you refuse to pray, you will find a closed heaven when your prayer in your anguish is refused.
18. The animosity and attack of your enemy is powerless if you are covered by God, and pitiful if He responds to them.

PRAYER POINTS

- Marvelous Lord, my heart responds to You; I drink from Your reservoir of love in appreciation of You. Amen.
- Merciful Father, place tenderness in the hearts of the men of this generation to respond positively to Your word. Amen.
- Search me, O Lord, know my thoughts; let every wicked way within me be removed, in the name of Jesus.
- Let the Spirit of conviction sweep the church and the heart of every believer today; let them feel Jeremiah's pain and be warned of presumption. Amen.

ESTEEMED as fine gold, but our punishment was bitter;
Our fine gold was changed into pitchers of earth!

By the pitiful women, their own children were cooked.

Our persecutors were swifter than eagles; we dared not to look!

When we wandered as blind men, know our punishment was sore,

Yet He gave us His promise: We won't be carried captives anymore!

LAMENTATIONS 4

¹See how has the gold become dim! How the most fine gold has changed!

The stones of the sanctuary are poured out at the top of every street and lane.

²The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold,

how are they regarded as clay pitchers, the

potter's handiwork.

³Even the sea mammals present their breast to give suck to their young.

But the daughter of my people has become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness.

⁴The tongue of the suckling child clings to the roof of its mouth for thirst.

The young children ask for bread, but no one breaks it to them.

⁵Those who ate delicacies are desolate in the streets.

Those who were brought up in scarlet, embrace refuse heaps.

⁶The punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people

is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom,

which was overthrown in a moment with no hand to help her!

⁷Her Nazarites were whiter than milk and more pure than snow.

They were more lovely in body than rubies.

Their polished appearance was as the sapphire stone.

⁸Their appearance is now blacker than a coal.

They go unrecognizable in the streets.

Their skin sticks to their bones;

it has become as dry as a withered stick.

⁹Those slain with the sword are better off than those who die of hunger;

for these pine away, stricken for lack of the fruits of the field.

¹⁰The hands of the compassionate women have cooked their own children.

They became their food in the destruction of the daughter of my people.

¹¹The Lord has fulfilled His fury.

He has poured out His fierce anger.

He has kindled a fire in Zion, and it has devoured its foundations.

¹²The kings of the earth and all the inhabitants of the world,

would not have believed that the enemy could enter the gates of Jerusalem.

¹³Because of the sins of her prophets and the iniquities of her priests, who have shed the blood of the just in her midst.

¹⁴They wandered as blind men in the streets.

They polluted themselves with blood, so that no one could touch their garments.

¹⁵They cried out to them, "Go away, unclean! Go away, do not touch us!"

When they fled and wandered those among the nations said,

"They shall not dwell here anymore."

¹⁶The anger of the Lord has scattered them. He no longer has regard for them.

The people had no respect for the priests nor favored the elders.

¹⁷As for us, our eyes still failed us, watching in vain for our help.

In our watching we have watched for a nation that could not save us.

¹⁸They hunt our steps

so that we cannot walk in our own streets.

Our end is near; our days are fulfilled,

for our end has come.

¹⁹Our pursuers were swifter than the eagles of the heavens.

They pursued us on the mountains;

and in the wilderness they laid wait for us.

²⁰The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the Lord was caught in their pits, of whom we said, "Under his shadow we shall live among the nations."

²¹Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, who dwell in the land of Uz!

The cup shall also pass through to you.

You shall be drunk, and make yourself naked.

²²The punishment of your iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of Zion;

He will no longer send you into captivity, away from your land.

He will punish your iniquity, O daughter of Edom. He will uncover your sins! *Edom your time has come!*

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Retain your values to retain your valuables, for values are valued more in Heaven than valuables.*
2. *Your gold is as valuable as your heart; the only durable gold is a heart of gold.*
3. *Your net worth is the net sum of your works not of your possessions.*
4. *Your heartlessness will attract the hardness of God's heart towards you.*
5. *If you devour delicacies in a life devoured by discipline, destitution will devour you and your delicacies.*
6. *Compete with the wicked in life and you will compare with them in destruction and desolation.*
7. *If you do not teach your children or reach your children with the word, you literally eat your children.*
8. *Live in pride refusing to believe that bad things can happen to you and those who celebrate you will not believe the extent of what has taken place to you.*
9. *Righteous prophets and priests in a nation avert anger; wicked prophets and priests attract and intensify anger, indignation and wrath.*
10. *You may smartly escape and hide from the word of the Lord and the work of the Lord, but there is no escape from the wrath of the Lord; judgment is swifter than your running boots.*
11. *You should not savor the punishment and shame of another when your own sin is unsavory; it places you in the spotlight of judgment.*
12. *Judgment of sin is not partial or peculiar to any person or people; your sin is summoning judgment; your time cometh!*

PRAYER POINTS

- Most Righteous God, impregnate me with the fruit of the Spirit and nurture me in Him to full maturity. Amen.
- Jesus, my Lord, give me a heart like Yours. Amen.
- Help me Father, to acquire eternal assets and to appreciate their value. Amen.
- I will walk before the Lord softly and with a tender heart full of compassion. Amen.

- Righteous Father, help me to gluttonously devour Your word and let it delicately dictate my lifestyle. Amen.

WHEN you have sinned and are punished,
Say, "Remember us, O Lord!
Our necks are under persecution;
Remember us, O Lord!"
When you are chastened by the Father's hand,
When mourning has replaced your dance
And all joy has left your hearts,
Repent and seek forgiveness.
Say, "Remember us, O Lord!"

LAMENTATIONS 5

¹Remember, O Lord, what has come upon us. Consider and see our reproach!

²Our inheritance is turned over to strangers; and our houses to aliens.

³We have become fatherless and orphans; our mothers are like widows.

⁴We have drunk our own water for money; and our wood is sold to us.

Remember us, O Lord!

⁵Our necks are under persecution. We labor and have no rest.

⁶We have given our strength to the Egyptians and Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.

⁷Our fathers have sinned and are gone; but we are bearing their iniquities.

⁸Servants rule over us.

There is none to deliver us out of their hand. *Remember us, O Lord!*

⁹We get our bread at the peril of our lives because of the sword in the wilderness.

¹⁰Our skin is black as the oven because of the terrible famine upon us.

¹¹They ravished the women in Zion, and the virgins in the cities of Judah.

¹²Princes were hung up by their hands, and elders were not honored.

Remember us, O Lord!

¹³They took the young men to work, grinding. The children fell under the weight of wood.

¹⁴The elders have ceased from the gate and the young men from their music.

¹⁵The joy of our heart has ceased.

Our dance has turned to mourning.

¹⁶The crown has fallen from our head.

Woe to us, because of our sins!

Remember us, O Lord!

¹⁷Because of this our heart is faint;

because of these things our eyes grow dim.

¹⁸Because of the mountain of Zion which is desolate, foxes wander about upon it.

¹⁹But You, O Lord remain forever;

Your throne from generation to generation.

²⁰Why do You forget us forever and forsake us for so long?

Remember us, O Lord!

²¹Turn us back to You, O Lord, and we will be turned.

Renew our days as of old.

²²But You have utterly rejected us; and are very angry with us.

Remember us, O Lord!

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *If you remember what has happened to you and forsake your sins, the Lord will forgive and forget your sins and remember you.*
2. *The good thing you disregard will discard and disregard you; the good thing you take for granted will cost you dearly; when you buy your own water and wood you will appreciate the good sustaining hand of God.*
3. *Refuse the rule of God to be your own master and you will submit to the rule of slaves as your masters.*
4. *No matter how friendly it is you cannot master sin, you must escape it.*
5. *Forsake holiness and strangers will eat your food and make you submit to them to put food in your forsaken stomachs.*
6. *Use your glory to rule in righteousness or have your glory hung up like fools; lift up your hands to God or your enemies will hang you up by your hands.*
7. *Glory is not glory unless it comes from or goes up to God.*
8. *Never turn off the Lord who changes your mourning to dancing or you will turn off your dancing and tune in to your mourning.*
9. *Reign with Him or He may have to rein you in.*
10. *God does not need you to be God, His reign is forever. He does not relinquish His reign if you are removed.*
11. *Restoration to God should precede your return to your place; restoration to your place without restoration to God is resuscitation and resurgence of your disaster.*

PRAYER POINTS

- I soak myself in the precious blood of Jesus Christ and drink in the freedom of His cleansing mercies. Amen.
- Thank You Lord for the free gift of life. I praise You daily for all the things You have placed here for me to enjoy. Amen.
- Jesus, be my Lord and Master; I submit to You. Amen.
- I refuse to surrender any ground to the devil. I cover myself with the blood and hide myself in You Father. Amen.
- I speak into the spirits of the leaders of our nation; by the power of the blood of Jesus, lead in righteousness, integrity and truth, in the name of Jesus. Amen.