

Disillusioned by God?

There are 5-6 categories of psalms → psalms of praise, thanksgiving, trust and **psalms of lament**

Psalms of Lament is the largest category @54

Maybe because it is such a common human experience

## *A couple examples of Laments*

Why Have You Forsaken Me? (Psalm 22:1)

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,  
and by night, but I find no rest. (Psa 22:2)

"Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?"  
(Psalm 10:1)

The structure of a lament moves from **(a)**  
**expressing the emotion of the crisis**

Psa 13:1-6 ESV How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? 2 How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

## **(b) To asking God to intervene**

3 Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;  
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,  
4 lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over  
him," lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

**(c) To affirming trust even tho there is no immediate deliverance from the crisis**

5 But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. 6 I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

# God's Love Is Steadfast

Psa 36:5 ESV Your **steadfast love**, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Joh 15:13 ESV Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

Rom 8:35 ESV Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

## God's Promise is Sure

Rom 8:18 ESV For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are **not worth comparing** with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

2Co 4:17 ESV For this **light momentary affliction** is preparing for us an **eternal weight of glory** beyond all comparison,



2 Cor 1:8-9 ESV "For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was **to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.**"

# God's Testimony is True

Psa 77:7-13 ESV "Will the Lord spurn forever, and never again be favorable? 8 Has his steadfast love forever ceased? Are his promises at an end for all time? 9 Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he in anger shut up his compassion?" Selah.

10 Then I said, "I will appeal to this, to the years  
of the right hand of the Most High." 11 I will  
remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will  
remember your wonders of old. 12 I will ponder  
all your work, and meditate on your mighty  
deeds. 13 Your way, O God, is holy. What god is  
great like our God?