

**“Suffering And Sin”**  
**Lamentations 1**  
**Sermon Series: “Beauty Will Rise”**

**Background:**

- Overview of Lamentations
- The Problem (Jeremiah 2:11-13)
- The Warning (Jeremiah 29:4)
- The Promise (Jeremiah 29:10-14)
- The History (2 Chronicles 36:11-21)

**Main Idea: Sin leads to suffering.**

**Caveat: Only part of our suffering is directly caused by our sin.**

Read Lamentations 1 and walk through their suffering.

Why do we suffer because of sin?

**1. God’s Word is always fulfilled (1:5, 1:18, 2:17, Leviticus 26, Jeremiah 4:1-4, Romans 1:18).** God is patient, but do not confuse His patience with His permission.

What does this look like for us?

- A. Sin has built-in consequences (Jeremiah 2:19, Genesis 2:16-17, Galatians 6:7).** [Colson quote]
- B. God disciplines His children now (Romans 8:1, Hebrews 12:5-8).**
- C. God judges those who reject Him eternally (John 3:36, Matthew 25:46).**

**2. God’s nature demands that He judge sin (1:18, 2:1-3).**

- He is zealous for His own glory (Jeremiah 1:5, 11)
- He is passionate about justice for others.

**3. God’s Son suffering for our sins is the ultimate proof that sin brings suffering.**

- A. Sin is that serious and God is that holy.**
- B. The suffering of Jesus provides the deliverance from sin and eternal suffering.**
- C. The reality that Jesus suffered for and with us is the answer to the mystery of suffering.**

**-What is our response to this?**

- 1. Acknowledge that we are sinful and deserving of judgement.**
  - A. Stop blaming others and take personal responsibility for our sin (1:20).**
  - B. Stop listening to false prophets who tickle our ears (2:14).**
  - C. We have legitimate questions about suffering, but we need to realize that we deserve nothing but death and hell so every blessing is the gift of God.**
- 2. If you are not a Christian, repent and believe the gospel so you can be forgiven.**
- 3. If you are a Christian, confess and forsake sin (Proverbs 28:13).**