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UNCERTAINTY, SUFFERING, AND A SOVEREIGN GOD

“Responding to Suffering with Lament”

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## Job 3:24-26

<sup>24</sup> For sighing has become my daily food;  
my groans pour out like water. <sup>25</sup> What I feared  
has come upon me; what I dreaded has  
happened to me.

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## Job 3:24-26

<sup>26</sup> I have no peace, no quietness;  
I have no rest, but only turmoil.”

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# Lament:

a form of prayer with the intent of drawing close to God in times of great suffering and pain

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# Learning to Lament

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## Job 10:1-22

<sup>1</sup> “I loathe my very life; therefore I will give free rein to my complaint and speak out in the bitterness of my soul.

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## Job 10:1-22

<sup>2</sup> I say to God: Do not declare me guilty, but tell me what charges you have against me.

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## Job 10:1-22

<sup>3</sup> Does it please you to oppress me, to spurn the work of your hands, while you smile on the plans of the wicked?

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## Job 10:1-22

<sup>4</sup> Do you have eyes of flesh?  
Do you see as a mortal sees?

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## Job 10:1-22

<sup>5</sup> Are your days like those of a mortal  
or your years like those of a strong man,  
<sup>6</sup> that you must search out my faults  
and probe after my sin—

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## Job 10:1-22

<sup>7</sup> though you know that I am not guilty  
and that no one can rescue me  
from your hand?

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## Job 10:1-22

<sup>8</sup> “Your hands shaped me and made me.  
Will you now turn and destroy me?

<sup>9</sup> Remember that you molded me like clay.  
Will you now turn me to dust again?

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## Job 10:1-22

<sup>10</sup> Did you not pour me out like milk and curdle me like cheese, <sup>11</sup> clothe me with skin and flesh and knit me together with bones and sinews?

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## Job 10:1-22

<sup>12</sup> You gave me life and showed me kindness,  
and in your providence watched over my spirit.

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## Job 10:1-22

<sup>13</sup> “But this is what you concealed in your heart,  
and I know that this was in your mind:  
<sup>14</sup> If I sinned, you would be watching me  
and would not let my offense go unpunished.

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## Job 10:1-22

<sup>15</sup> If I am guilty—woe to me! Even if I am innocent, I cannot lift my head, for I am full of shame and drowned in my affliction.

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## Job 10:1-22

<sup>16</sup> If I hold my head high, you stalk me  
like a lion and again display your  
awesome power against me.

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## Job 10:1-22

<sup>17</sup> You bring new witnesses against me  
and increase your anger toward me;  
your forces come against me wave upon wave.

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## Job 10:1-22

<sup>18</sup> “Why then did you bring me out of the womb?  
I wish I had died before any eye saw me.

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## Job 10:1-22

<sup>19</sup> If only I had never come into being,  
or had been carried straight from the womb  
to the grave!

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## Job 10:1-22

<sup>20</sup> Are not my few days almost over? Turn away  
from me so I can have a moment's joy  
<sup>21</sup> before I go to the place of no return,

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## Job 10:1-22

to the land of gloom and utter darkness,  
<sup>22</sup> to the land of deepest night, of utter darkness  
and disorder, where even the light is  
like darkness.”

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# The Pattern of Laments:

## 1. Address to God

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# The Pattern of Laments:

1. Address to God
2. Complaint

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1. Address to God
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3. Request

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# The Pattern of Laments:

1. Address to God
2. Complaint
3. Request
4. Expression of trust and/or praise

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## Job 19:23-27

<sup>23</sup> “Oh, that my words were recorded,  
that they were written on a scroll,  
<sup>24</sup> that they were inscribed with an iron tool on  
lead, or engraved in rock forever!

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## Job 19:23-27

<sup>25</sup> I know that my redeemer lives,  
and that in the end he will stand on the earth.

<sup>26</sup> And after my skin has been destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I will see God;

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## Job 19:23-27

<sup>27</sup> I myself will see him with my own eyes—  
I, and not another. How my heart  
yearns within me!

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# Learning from Lament

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1. Lament is a form of praise.
2. Lament is a proof of the relationship.
3. Lament is a participation in the pain of others.
4. Lament awakens us to God's grace.

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