Lamentations 3

Verses 21-33, 38-39, 56-59

But this I call to mind,  
    and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;   
    his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
    great is your faithfulness.  
“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,  
    “therefore I will hope in him.”

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
    to the soul who seeks him.  
It is good that one should wait quietly  
    for the salvation of the Lord.  
It is good for a man that he bear  
    the yoke in his youth.

Let him sit alone in silence  
    when it is laid on him;  
let him put his mouth in the dust—  
    there may yet be hope;  
let him give his cheek to the one who strikes,  
    and let him be filled with insults.

For the Lord will not  
    cast off forever,  
but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion  
    according to the abundance of his steadfast love

for he does not afflict from his heart  
    or grieve the children of men.

Who has spoken and it came to pass,  
    unless the Lord has commanded it?  
Is it not from the mouth of the Most High  
    that good and bad come?  
Why should a living man complain,  
    a man, about the punishment of his sins?

You heard my plea, “Do not close  
    your ear to my cry for help!”  
You came near when I called on you;  
    you said, “Do not fear!”

You have taken up my cause, O Lord;  
    you have redeemed my life.  
You have seen the wrong done to me, O Lord;  
    judge my cause.