

My Portion

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Lamentations 3:24 (ESV)

“The LORD is **my portion**,” says my soul,

“therefore, I will hope in him.”

Jeremiah was distressed about the situation in which he was living. He complained bitterly to God about it. In his oppressive situation, Jeremiah only had hope when he set his eyes on the LORD. This truth changes our thinking and is very instructive for all of us today.

Lamentations 3:21 (ESV)

But this I call to mind,

and therefore, I have hope:

God has spoken to us; God has revealed HIS greatness to us. We know the truth. Therefore, we call to mind and trust these truths.

Lamentations 3:22 (ESV)

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;

his mercies never come to an end;

We trust that God’s steadfast love and mercies never end. Thus, we step out of the darkness and look into the light of Jesus.

Lamentations 3:23 (ESV)

They (steadfast love and mercies) are new every morning;

great is your faithfulness.

Hope knows that every morning God pours out HIS fresh love and mercy on us. As with Jeremiah, this truth impacts every area of our life, emotion, and relationship. We receive this refreshing every morning because our heart and mind are set on God to receive. We look to God because HE is our portion in life and not the things of this world. Our portion is God and God alone. Therefore, we declare:

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“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore, I will hope in him.”

Like Jeremiah we say that the LORD is our portion and that our hope is not the world. We are not wrapped up in this world’s goods. **The Lord is our portion and security.**

Psalm 16:5 (NIV)

The LORD is my chosen portion;

YOU hold me secure.

The Lord is our portion and strength.

Psalm 73:25–26 (ESV)

²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but YOU?

And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides YOU.

²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail,

but God is the strength of my heart and my portion
forever.

The Lord is our portion and protection.

Psalm 142:5 (ESV)

I cry to YOU, O LORD;

I say, “YOU are my refuge,

my portion in the land of the living.”

With God as our portion, our human and world view changes. In fact, our whole thought process changes. **Our confidence will be in proportion to how much we believe God is our portion.** When we see God as our portion and sovereign in our life, **we confidently WAIT for the LORD in all matters.**

Lamentations 3:25–26 (ESV)

²⁵ The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.

²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

The word “Good” in the OT means that which expresses God’s will and purpose. **Therefore, when we see God as “good” we “wait” for HIS will and purpose.** This means we accept God’s time and will. This also means that our faith will express itself by waiting in quiet expectation while at the same time learning discipline. **WE wait because we have a living hope that trusts in the living God whose promises will be fulfilled.** After his discussion with God, Habakkuk declares that God is his portion recognizing the necessity of waiting on HIM.

Habakkuk 3:17-18

¹⁷ Though the fig tree does not bud
and there are no grapes on the vines,
though the olive crop fails
and the fields produce no food,
though there are no sheep in the pen
and no cattle in the stalls,
¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the LORD,
I will be joyful in God my Savior.

God makes an instructive statement to the prophet Zephaniah about waiting on God.

Zephaniah 3:8 (NIV)

“Therefore, wait for ME,” declares the LORD,
“for the day when I rise up to testify.”

We wait for God to rise up and testify. Waiting is active; we first hear, then act on what we hear, then wait for God to move. When we wait for God, we are waiting for HIM to rise up to testify, to act! However, first of all we must declare Jesus as our portion.

Acts 4:12 (ESV)

There is salvation in no one else (but Jesus), for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.