

**9<sup>TH</sup> YAG RETREAT**  
**Theme: I Have Hope**  
**Texts: Jeremiah, Lamentations**

**9.00am**  
**Session #2**

**1 May 2009**

**A. SEEKING TO UNDERSTAND GOD**

1. God's Anger                      Lamentations 2:1-3
2. God as an Adversary        Lamentations 2:4-5
3. God's punitive Actions    Lamentations 2:1-9
  - a) Dwelling places swallowed up    Lamentations 2:2a, 5
  - b) Strongholds thrown down        Lamentations 2:2c
  - c) Kingdom profaned                Lamentations 2:2e
  - d) Many slain                      Lamentations 2:4
  - e) Temple spurned        Lamentations 2:6-7
  - f) Protective walls destroyed        Lamentations 2:8
  - g) Law non-existent    Lamentations 2:9d
  - h) Prophets no vision    Lamentations 2:9e

**B. SORROWING BEFORE GOD**

1. Elders        Lamentations 2:10a    (Cf. Joel 1)  
(The old)
2. Virgins of Jerusalem        Lamentations 2:10e  
(The young)
3. Jeremiah
  - a) Identification        Lamentations 2:11, 13
  - b) Intercession        Lamentations 2:20-22

### **C. SEEKING GOD IN PRAYER**

1. Crying out to God in tears Lamentations 2:18c
2. Sparing no effort Lamentations 2:18d
3. Pouring out the heart Lamentations 2:19c
4. Deeply moved to pray Lamentations 2:19-22

### **D. CHECKING OUT OUR PRAYER LIFE**

1. Often taken for granted
2. Perhaps weaker than we dare to admit
3. Challenge to be absolutely honest with ourselves

### **E. COMMITMENT TO DEVELOP A STRONGER PRAYER LIFE**

1. Praying with understanding
2. Praying with faith
3. Praying with hope in the heart
4. Praying with practical reality in harness