9<sup>TH</sup> YAG RETREAT

Theme: I Have Hope

**Texts: Jeremiah, Lamentations** 

2.30pm 1 May 2009

Session #4

#### A. RETURN TO A CORRECT BIBLICAL MINDSET

#### 1. A Consistent application of our knowledge of God needed

a) The mercies of the Lord Lamentations 3:22a

b) The compassion of the Lord Lamentations 3:22b

c) The faithfulness of the Lord Lamentations 3:23

i) They are new every morning

ii) They are great

#### 2. Choosing the Lord all over again

a) As our portion Lamentations 3:24a

b) And finding hope therein Lamentations 3:24b

#### 3. Contemplation of Relationship with God

a) Waiting upon the Lord Lamentations 3:25a, 26b

b) Seeking of the Lord Lamentations 3:25b

c) Exercising of hope Lamentations 3:26a, 29b

d) Bearing of yoke Lamentations 3:27

e) Silently accepting one's lot in life Lamentations 3:28-29a

f) Rejecting of a complaining spirit Lamentations 3:39

### 4. Corrected Understanding of God

a) God will not cast off forever Lamentations 3:31

b) He will yet show compassion because of His great mercies Lamentations 3:32

c) He will never afflict man "willingly" Lamentations 3:33

## 5. Challenge to return to God

- a) The need to search and examine our ways

  Lamentations 3:40a
- b) The need to return to the Lord Lamentations 3:40b
- c) The need to confess transgression and rebellion Lamentations 3:41-42

# **6. How will God help us when we return to Him?** Jeremiah 3

- a) Restored relationship Jeremiah 3:14, 19
- c) Rejection of dictates of our heart Jeremiah 3:17
- d) Healing of backsliding Jeremiah 3:22