

Thanksgiving In A Time Of Trouble

"But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope." Lamentations 3:21 (English Standard Version)

Why not _____ Thanksgiving until _____ days come?

Lamentations - Has Hope Perished?

- A. Lamentations 1:1-3a - _____ wrote about the _____ he felt as he looked at _____ in ruins.
- B. Thanksgiving in the rubble?
1. 3:16-18 - They had forgotten what _____ was; it was as if their _____ from the Lord had perished.
 2. 3:21 - "This" is the _____ point for Jeremiah. What did he remember that restored _____ for him?
 3. 3:22-24 - God's _____ love never _____. The Lord is our _____; therefore we will _____ in Him.
 4. 3:25 - The Lord is _____ to those who _____ for Him, to those who _____ Him.
 5. 3:26-32 - It is _____ to wait _____ for the _____ of the Lord. He won't cast _____ forever. His steadfast love is _____.

The Christian Stance For Times Of Trouble

- A. Philippians 4 - The Christian stance in troubling times:
1. 1:13; 2:25-27; 4:2,3 - Reasons for trouble:
 2. 4:4 - Even in trouble we are to _____.
 3. 4:5 - Our _____ should be obvious to all. We know the Lord is at _____ (_____ to us).
 4. 4:6,7 - In times of _____ we _____ to God, not forgetting to be _____. His _____ will _____ our hearts and minds in Christ.
 5. 4:8,9 - We must focus on the _____ instead of on our _____. The God of _____ will be _____ us.
- B. 2 Corinthians 4:7-10 - Because of the _____ power of God, our afflictions do not _____ us. Though we are persecuted, we are not _____.

Instead of a *talisman*, we hold _____ close to our _____ to help us in times of trouble.

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