take time **11 August** **Lamentations 3:25-51** read

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God's acting is sovereign

study Jeremiah makes many encouraging statements about God (vv25-36). For you as a Christian, the sun isn't always shining either. But through all the difficulties God wants to bring you closer to Himself.

Verse 38 of course doesn't mean that God can say something bad. God can't have anything to do with sin. But He can act for the benefit as well as for the punishment of people.

Verses 34 to 37 point out: God allows it that people mistreat others. But that doesn't mean that He is responsible for it. Responsibility always lies with the people themselves!

What Jeremiah says in verses 40-42 is something that he, being a prophet, is probably not saying for the first time. At the end of the passage he again expresses his deep sorrow over the bad state of Jerusalem (vv43-51).

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10. What is said about God in verses 25-36?
11. What does Jeremiah call for in this situation (vv40-42).

think **Whether things are going well for you or not: You can always trust in God's goodness!**

note down

10. He is good (v25), He does not cast off forever (v31), he shows compassion (v32), He does not afflict people willingly (i.e. He doesn't enjoy it) (v33), He sees everything (v36). 11. He calls people to evaluate their own lives, to return and to prayer.