

The Impact of Life's Lows and Heavenly Highs

1 Peter 3:10 – Psalm 34:12

The impact of life's lows

- **Trouble comes for us all (1 Samuel 1:8-15)**
- *“You have taken from me friend and neighbor— darkness is my closest friend.”*
Psalm 88:18

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- **Moses**

*“Where am I to get meat to give to all these people? For they weep all over me, saying, ‘Give us meat, that we may eat.’ 14 I am not able to bear all these people alone, because the burden is too heavy for me. 15 If You treat me like this, please kill me here and now—if I have found favor in Your sight—and do not let me see my wretchedness!” - **Numbers 11:13-15***

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- **Job**

“Why did I not die at birth?

Why did I not perish when I came from the womb?”

Job 3:11

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- **Elijah**

“And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, “It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!” 1 Kings 19:3-4

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- **Jonah**

“And it happened, when the sun arose, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat on Jonah’s head, so that he grew faint. Then he wished death for himself, and said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

9 Then God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?”

And he said, “It is right for me to be angry, even to death!”

Jonah 4:8-9

The Hope of Heaven

- **The hope should produce a sense of unity and good works**

(1 Thess 1:6-10, 2:17-20, 4:13-18/ 2 Thess 3:1-5)

(Numbers 11:16-17/ 1 Kings 19:18-)

What can only be found in Heaven

- **An existence free of sin** (Rev. 21:7, 22:15, 2:7)
- **Personal perfection** (Jude 24-25/ Hebrews 12:23)