



Meet *Adoniram Judson* (1788-1850) America's 1st foreign missionary

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1. Adoniram's childhood

2. Adoniram's conversion

3. Adoniram's call (in 1813 to Buddhist Burma, current day Myanmar)

4. Adoniram's trying circumstances

5. Adoniram's need for hope

6. Adoniram's impact

7. Jeremiah's need for hope

from Lamentations 2 and 3



2:11 NLT I have cried until the tears no longer come.
My heart is broken, my spirit poured out...

3:1a NAS I am the man who has seen affliction...

3:4 NAS He has caused my flesh and my skin to waste away,
He has broken my bones.

3:5 NAS He has besieged and encompassed me
with bitterness and hardship.

3:6 NAS Even when I cry out and call for help,
He shuts out my prayer...

3:13 NAS He pierced my heart with arrows from His quiver...

3:17 NAS And my soul has been rejected from peace;
I have forgotten happiness.

3:18 NAS So I say, "My strength has perished,
and so has my hope from the LORD."

8. Jeremiah's hope (it came from focusing on God's character)

from Lamentations 3



21 NIV Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope.

22 NIV Because of the LORD's [YHWH] great love we are not consumed,
for His compassions never fail.

23 NAS They are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness...

25a NAS The LORD [YHWH] is good to those who wait for Him,...

32 NLT Though He brings grief, He also shows compassion
according to the greatness of His unfailing love...

37 NIV Who can speak and have it happen
if the Lord [Adonai i.e. Master] has not decreed it?...

39 NIV Is it not from the mouth of the Most High
that both calamities and good things come?



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9. Paul's need for hope

2 Corinthians 11:23-28 NLT



²³ I have...faced death again and again.

²⁴ Five different times the Jewish leaders gave me 39 lashes.

²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned.

Three times I was shipwrecked.

Once I spent a whole night and a day adrift at sea.

²⁶ I have...faced dangers from rivers and robbers...

I have faced danger in the cities, in the deserts, and on the seas.

And I have faced danger from men who claim to be believers but are not.

²⁷ I have...[endured] many sleepless nights.

I have been hungry and thirsty and have often gone without food.

I have shivered in the cold,

without enough clothing to keep me warm.

²⁸ Then, besides all this,

I have the daily burden of my concern for all the churches.

10. Paul's hope (it came, in part, from focusing on the realities of heaven)

Colossians 3:1a,2 NLT



^{1a} Since you have been raised to new life with Christ,
set your sights on the realities of heaven...

² Think about the things of heaven,
not the things of earth.

A. What are the realities of heaven?

11. Hope

A. A definition of hope: The Greek word for hope means “a confident expectation”.

B. What *can* we be certain of?

1) God’s character (it’s unchanging i.e. it’s immutable; Charles Swindoll names 3 ways it doesn’t change)

- His _____ for me will never waver
- His _____ will never come up wanting
- His _____ will never prove faulty

2) The realities of heaven (1 Corinthians 15:19-20)

C. Adoniram’s hope (it was not all in this world)

D. Burma’s need for hope

12. Adoniram’s perspective (which gave him hope)

“See the hand of God in all events,
and thereby become reconciled
to His dispensations.”



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1. What do you admire about Adoniram Judson? 2. What encourages you in this lesson? 3. When have you needed hope? How would focusing on God’s character and the realities of heaven help? 4. What verse(s) in Lamentations 3 stand out to you? Why?