

The Lament, Complaint, and Praise of "What is Man?"



Let your cry to God be one of lament or praise NEVER entitled complaining



Biblical Lament

- What is a lament?
- A song of morning or sorrow
- E.g., Psalm 3, 6, 13, 22, 28, 31, 51, 88, 102

Job's Lament

- Job 6:2
- Job 10:1
- Complaint meaning lament, cry (i.e., crying out)

Lament vs. Complaint

- What is a complaint the way we often think of it?
- People complaining in Scripture
 - Israel in the wilderness
 - Jonah in Jonah 4:1-11
- Complaining is entitlement

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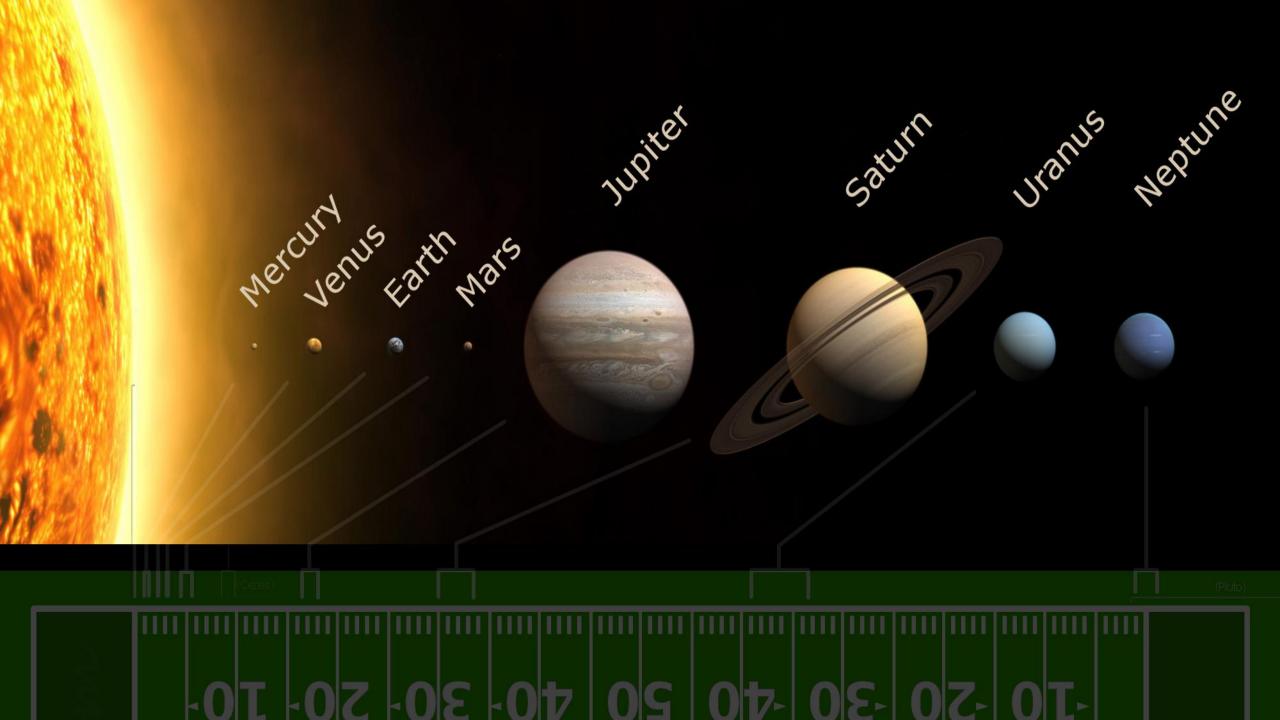
- Lament ends in hope
- Job 27:3-4
- Complaining ends in hopelessness
- What does complaining show?

The Big Question: What is Man?

- Job's Lament (Job 7:17)
- David's Praise (Psalm 8:4, 144:3)
- What are these passages saying?

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- Yet, God is still concerned about man

Why Does God Care about Man?

- The LORD is Creator and cares about His creation
- Mankind is the only creation made in God's image
- Hebrews 2:5-8
- Often, we don't see the full picture
- Thankfully, Jesus is the fullness picture

Jesus Christ is Proof God Cares about Man

- God the Son became a man and lived as a man
- Jesus Christ suffered as all mankind suffer
- Jesus' coming is the result of God's concern for us

SON, GO GET MY CHILDREN...



What is Man Application

- Praise God (Like David)
- Lament to God (Like Job)
- DO NOT COMPLAIN TO GOD (Like Jonah)
- Remember who you are, o man!