

## When bad things happen to God's people

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1. God \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1 - "We have heard the report")
  - a. Horrible things happen in this corrupt, fallen world
  - b. Being a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't safeguard us from \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Even faithful, obedient children of God \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. God \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 11-14)
  - a. He \_\_\_\_\_ exactly what happens (Isa. 40:27; Hab. 1:2-4)
  - b. He even sees \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 3-4 "arrogance")
  
3. God \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 13, 16 - "My people... My holy mountain")
  - a. God had plans to \_\_\_\_\_ Judah, not to \_\_\_\_\_ them (Jer. 29:11)
  - b. God was \_\_\_\_\_ His children, not \_\_\_\_\_ them
  - c. He still loved them
  - d. He wasn't going to let people mistreat them without recompense
  
4. God Will \_\_\_\_\_ Everything
  - a. God will ultimately bring \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for everyone (v. 15)
  - b. He will "turn this thing around" - the longing of our hearts
  - c. "The Day of the LORD draws near!" (v. 8, 15)
  - d. Willful, intentionally evil people will be judged (v. 5-9, 16-18)
  - e. God's children will enter into His promised blessings (vv. 18-21)

### **APPLICATION:**

- People often do what they think they can get away with. Don't!
- Don't find security in your walls, wealth, or wisdom.
- The oppressed and abused can find great hope in God.  
(Psalm 34:14-22)
  - He sees you. (Psalm 34:15)
  - He knows your pain. (Psalm 34:18)
  - He can begin to heal and restore now.
  - He will heal and restore completely.