

## KEY WORD

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- **Desolation:** devastation; destruction; a person, thing, or event that defiles a holy place and thus causes it to be abandoned

## SCRIPTURE

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### PRIMARY TEXT:

Job 23:8-17

### SUPPLEMENTAL TEXT:

Psalm 27:11-14; Lamentations 3:24-26; 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15

## OBSERVATION AND APPLICATIONS

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- Describe a challenging time in your life that had an impact on who you are today.

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- Read Job 23:8-9.
  - What is Job experiencing in this passage?
  - Have you ever found yourself in a season when you could not see God or feel His presence?

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- Read Job 23:10-17.
  - What promise is there for us to claim in this passage?
  - Find, highlight, and share other promises from scripture to cling to when you feel God is distant or silent.

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- Read Psalm 27:11-14.
  - What phrases are repeated in this passage?
  - Why is it so hard to wait?

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- Read Lamentations 3:22-26
  - What advice is given in this passage?
  - Practical Application: Schedule a specific time each day that you will sit alone in silence with the Lord this week.

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- Read 1 Thessalonians 5:13-18.
  - How does this passage encourage a believer who is in a season of desolation?
  - As a House Church, what are ways we can encourage others experiencing desolation?



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## RESOURCES

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-  [Practicing the Way by John Mark Comer](#)
-  [Emotionally Healthy Spirituality by Peter Scazzerro](#)

## PRAYER

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- Pray Psalm 27:11-14.

### SCRIPTURE

Write which passage of scripture you are reading.

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### OBSERVATION

What is this text saying? What is the context? How does it fit with the verses before and after it? Are there any commands or instructions?

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### APPLICATION

How can you apply this verse to your life? What does this mean today? What is God saying to you?

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### PRAYER

Respond to the passage in prayer. Ask God to help you apply this truth to your life and spend some time listening to what He may be telling you.

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