

Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

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- "Let there be light"
- "God saw the light was good"
- "May it turn to darkness"
- "May God above not care about it"

Common elements of laments:

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- Confession of sin or protestation of innocence
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Leviathan Characteristics:

- Powerful shields the sea
- Graceful
- Skin like coat of armor
- Fearsome teeth
- Back like a row of
- Breathes fire
- Sword and javelin cannot pierce it
- Churns the depths of
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Job's Whys:

- Why did I not perish at birth?
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- My God, My God, why have you forsaken me? ([Matthew 27:46](#); [Mark 15:34](#))

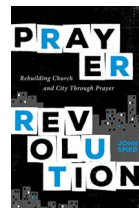
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- We should be quick to listen and slow to speak.
- We should bring concerns to God, not complain about Him.
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