

M.Th. Dissertation

“The Place of Lament and the ‘Catharsis of the Complaint’ in Response to the Problem of Evil.”

Research Question:

In this dissertation I will explore the place of lament and the ‘catharsis of the complaint’ in response to the problem of evil and suffering, drawing on the work of Paul Ricoeur and Richard Bauckham. As I do so, I hope to find out how the gift of the incarnation can be understood as God’s response, intended from the beginning of creation, to the ongoing problem of evil: through divine participation in, and transformation of the human condition - including the human experiences of suffering and lament. Through this study, I hope to enrich my own pastoral, homiletic and liturgical response to suffering in a parish ministry context.

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