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## Psalm 130

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## Psalm 130.

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### Topics.

- O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my pleas.
- If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand?
- The glory of the Good News of the Gospel is about salvation.
- With the LORD there is forgiveness, that He may be feared.
- With the LORD there is steadfast love and redemption from Sin.

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### INTRODUCTION

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Psalms are songs and prayers offered to God by the nation Israel, they cover the range of human emotion, expressing praise, faith, victory, sorrow, despair, depression, frustration and the troubled heart of a mourner. They contrast the righteous with the wicked, and include the wisdom and the treasure of God's word. Psalms were written at the beginning of the 15th century BC and probably collected in their final form in the 3rd century.

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### BOOK FIVE (PSALM 107-150)

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### PSALM 130:1-2

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A Song of Ascents.

#### **O LORD, Hear My Voice! Let Your Ears be Attentive to My Pleas.**

- **Psalm 130:1-2:** Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! <sup>2</sup>O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

**Ascents:** means a climactic progression or journey to a higher place it carries the idea of a thought arising.

**O Lord, hear my voice:** (v2) it is interesting to notice that the writers of the Psalms asks God to listen to their prayer they do not impose themselves onto Him or assume He is listening, of course God is, but it shows humility and courtesy toward the LORD by the person praying.

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### PSALM 130:3-4

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#### **If you, O LORD, should Mark Iniquities, O LORD, who could Stand?**

- **Psalm 130:3-4:** If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? <sup>4</sup>But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

The answer to the question "If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities who could stand?" Is "No-one."

The apostle John in the following verses shines a brilliant spotlight upon this truth:

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. (1 John 1:8-10).

There has only ever been one man who walked upon planet earth without sin and his name is the Lamb without blemish the Son of God the Lord Jesus Christ. If it was possible for us to live without sin Jesus died for no reason.

The apostle Paul wrote:

- All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. (Rom. 3:23-24).
- The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom. 6:23).

**The glory of the Good News of the Gospel:** is about salvation from eternal death to eternal life it is about salvation by faith and grace through believing in the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Gospel begins with the universal law of sin and death which states, "The wages of sin is death" (Rom 6:23) meaning whoever sins is already judged and condemned to eternal death and since not one of us is without sin we all stand guilty before this universal Law. Whereas the Good News of the Gospel states, "All who trust in Christ have been granted the free gift of God which is, eternal life in the Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom 6:23), because, "The law of the Spirit of life has set them free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death" (Rom 8:2) meaning that the universal law of sin and death has no power over those who believe in Christ and faithfully follow him, they like Christ will be raised to eternal life and everlasting glory. The heart of the Gospel is salvation from eternal death to eternal life by faith and grace it, is about believing in the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and recognising that one falls short of God's glory and absolute Holiness.

It is about repentance, baptism and abiding in the faith. Throughout the entire history of mankind there has only been one man who has ever been able to attain to God's perfect standard. The Gospel is about recognising this reality, repenting before God and accepting His foreordained plan of salvation. It is about trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for one's own righteousness, looking forward to his return in glory and being raised to eternal life and everlasting happiness. The Good News of the Gospel states that whoever comes to God through repentance and faith in His Son the Lord Jesus Christ is not only approved of and accepted by God the Father, but all their sins are forgiven, not because they are deserving of it, by any self-effort or religious good works, but because through faith in Christ righteousness is imputed from God to them as a pure and free gift, but this is not the end of the promises of the Gospel since it also states that the faithful in Christ will be resurrected to eternal glory and everlasting life. Can there be any better news than this? Surely not, this is the reason it is called the Good News of the Gospel.

**Ponder for a moment:** if our world's top scientist and medical practitioners could invent a pill that would give people eternal life the billionaires of this world would write out a cheque no matter what the cost to buy them for all their family and friends, and almost all people of the world would sell everything they had to purchase one. This is the high value Paul placed on the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. To Paul and the faithful brothers and sisters who supported him there was nothing in this world more valuable for any man or woman to possess than the gift of eternal life. How sad it is that in some modern churches today this high value of eternal life has been lost and replaced by a Gospel that focuses on a blessed, prosperous and successful life now in this mortal and corrupt world and messages that appeal to self, ego and pride. Especially when one considers what it cost God the Father and the high price his Son paid to purchase this gift of eternal life for all who would humbly accept by

faith the Good News of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Many religions focus upon the Kingdom of God, but the Kingdom is not the path to salvation, but the inheritance of those who are already saved. There is only one path to God's eternal and glorious Kingdom and to walk on that path one must have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, he is the royal path to the eternal Kingdom of God.

**With the LORD there is forgiveness, that He may be feared:** (v4)  
the fear of the LORD has the following two aspects:

- 1 An eternal aspect: wisdom teaches that mankind is separated from God because of sin and without God a person has no hope of eternal life and will be judged accordingly. The fear of the LORD in this context is wisdom because it motivates a person to seek God and eternal life.
- 2 An aspect for the present moment: the fear of the LORD in the present moment motivates mankind to obey God's Ten Commandments which are all designed to protect the innocent from harm, physically, financially, sexually, verbally, emotionally and spiritually. The fear of the LORD in this context is also wisdom because if everyone feared the LORD humanity would live in harmony with each other. Sadly, there is very little fear of the LORD in the world today and so we see rampant rebellion, violence, crime and wars in most countries.

**The fear of God and Christians:** those in Christ look to the bloodstained cross of Calvary and understand and experience Christ's great love and God's grace in their hearts and minds and no longer act from fear, but from love in the same way that a man in love with a woman does not do things to please her from fear, but from the love dwelling in his heart. Likewise, it is with the faithful who belong to the Lord's global family.

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## PSALM 130:5-8

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**With the LORD there is Steadfast Love and Redemption from Sin.**

- **Psalm 130:5-8:** I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; <sup>6</sup>my soul waits for the LORD more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. <sup>7</sup>O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. <sup>8</sup>And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

These verses shine a brilliant spotlight upon the following two truths:

1. The Old Testament faithful understood that their only hope for eternal life was by having faith in God.
2. The faithful of the Old Testament were not redeemed by adhering to ceremonial rites or by keeping religious customs and traditions but by having faith in God's forgiveness and plan of salvation.

Some today may feel that because Christ did not appear during the Old Testament age, the faithful were saved solely by adhering to ceremonial rites, holy days and keeping religious customs and traditions, but this is not so. They were saved by having faith in the promised Messiah the Christ to come and not by works of the flesh or by self-effort, but because they by faith looked:

- Toward the promised seed of the woman spoken of in Genesis. (Genesis 3:15).
- Toward the promised seed of Abraham. (Gen. 26:4) (Gal. 3:16).
- Toward the prophet Moses said was to come like him. (Deut. 18:15) (Acts 3:22) (Acts 7:37).
- Toward the Holy One to come (whose body God will not let see corruption in death) (Psalm 16:9-11).

- Toward the promised seed of David. (Psalm 89:4) (Psalm 132:11) (Jeremiah 23:5) (Matthew 1:1).
- Toward the Messiah the Christ all the Old Testament prophets and the Scriptures speak of such as (Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53). The Lord Jesus himself said, "I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book (Heb. 10:7) (the scroll of the book refers to the Scriptures).

Added to this even though Old Testament Israel offered animal sacrifices to God they were not saved by them; they were a type and shadow of Christ the Lamb of God without blemish the Saviour to come and it is his blood that cleanses them. This is because the power of Christ's cleansing blood flows back to the foundation of the earth so that the faithful of the Old and New Testament are saved by the same Saviour and the same Redeemer.

In the book of Revelation, it is written:

- All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (Rev. 13:8).

And Peter wrote:

- You were redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot foreordained before the foundation of the world and manifest in these last times for you. (1 Peter 1:18-20).

These verses shine a brilliant spotlight on the truth that Jesus was not only the central focus of God's eternal mind and of His eternal plans and purposes for mankind's salvation and for eternity, but also the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

The cleansing power of Jesus blood shed on the cross of Calvary doesn't just cover and cleanse only those who have come to the Lord after his death and resurrection, but flows all the way back to the foundations of the earth to Adam and Eve like an invisible spiritual river cleansing all the faithful of the Old Testament from the fall of Adam onward who by faith looked to the coming and the appearing of the promised Messiah the Christ.

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