

Psalm 130 Commentary

A Song of degrees.

Ps 130:1 "Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD."

What depths have we cried from to the Lord? From the depths of the depravity of being lost in our sins. When our sins, sufferings, sickness, disease, troubles on every side, seem to overwhelm us: when it seems we are sunk down in a great pit: when we seem to be drowning in deep waters, with the weight of our sins drowning us, and bearing us downward to that awful place called hell, aren't you glad to know that there is a place to turn to for sure mercy? All these fears and sufferings, urged on by the mockings of Satan, drive us to cry out unto the Lord for mercy.

2 "Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications."

From the places of great despair and suffering in our lives: a place that could be called no hope: since Jesus has already made himself known to us, we can look upward like sinking Peter, saying "**Lord, save me**," knowing that because of the Holy Spirit within making intercessions for us, God does hear our voices.

3 "If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?"

We understand: if God should judge us by our sins, there would be no hope for any. Remember what God said of everyone in: **Ro 3:10-12; 10 "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: 11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. 12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one."** Wherefore, if we get our focus off of Jesus Christ, it is easy to be drawn into the drowning pools of sin and suffering in our lives.

4 "But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared."

Here is the key that displays the beauty of God's marvelous grace of salvation. God can and does forgive sins. God did that for us, through the suffering of our Saviour in time, and upon the cross, where Jesus wrought eternal remission of our sins in the sight of God the Father.

"that thou mayest be feared." God is to be greatly feared in that we understand; he only can forgive sins, and without his forgiveness we are lost forever to eternal death.

5 ¶ "I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope."

I learned something new this morning. The word wait means **to bind together, or to patiently wait for**. How is it that we wait for the Lord? We are bound to the Lord, because in the new birth, we were bound to God the Father by the implantation of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and souls. Jesus has tied us to his lifeline, and Jesus has drawn us up out of the waters of eternal death.

Since we are thus bound together in Christ, we do then look forward, in hope, to the time when our sin and suffering will be over, and we will be in new, resurrected, sinless, and immortal, bodies in the eternal heaven.

6 "My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning."

Because we are bound together in Christ, we trust more in the finished work of Jesus Christ, and the eternal forgiveness of sins that we have been given, than those who watching for the morning. Those who are lost, with no eternal hope or belief and just looking for a new day to dawn. Those, who are trying to make their own connection to God through self-works and believe they can provide their own way to heaven.

7 "Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. 8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities."

We, the Israel of God on earth, understand that God is a God of mercy, because God has chosen to save sinners, and has manifested that to us in our own lives.

"And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities." We understand that the blood of Christ, is the only blood that is sufficient to redeem people from their sins. We understand that Jesus has already redeemed us from our sins in the eternal perspective.

Wherefore, we have that hope of the eternal resurrection of the dead in Christ, and this hope keeps us afloat, when we feel like we are drowning in the seas of our despairs, our sins, and our sufferings in life. Thank you, King Jesus, for salvation by the grace of God and eternal life in heaven with you. Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!