

THE CENTER OF THE JOURNEY! PSALM 130

What is the center / centerpiece / apex / high point of the journey? This Pilgrim Psalm answers that question!

THE LORD:

➤ Actually named:

130:1
130:2
130:3
130:5
130:6
130:7

➤ Named via pronouns:

130:1 Thee
130:2 Thine
130:3 Thou
130:4 Thee, Thou
130:5 His
130:7 Him
130:8 He

So, what do we find?

1. **Crying to the Lord!**

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

Psalm 130:2 Lord, **hear** my voice: Let thine ears **be attentive** to the voice of my supplications.

The initial verses focus on the common, human condition:

- In the depths
- In **great peril &/ in great need**
- **Only one** place to turn
- Crying...crying out!

The **simplicity** of faith...

There is some value in learning more technical & sophisticated language...but...

- Asking the Lord to hear
- Asking the Lord to hear & be attentive

Did you hear me?

Yes, I heard you **but I wasn't** listening!

2. **Receiving from the Lord!**

Psalm 130:3 If thou, LORD, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

Psalm 130:4 But there is forgiveness with thee, That thou mayest be feared.

We often encounter / run into 2 roadblocks at this point:

- **But I'm saved!!!**

OK, but we aren't just talking about

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, **and they follow me:**

Psalm 128:1 Blessed is every one that **feareth** the LORD; That **walketh** in his ways.

- **But I have surrendered!!!**

No matter what I preached I received a bewildered look...huh? I don't understand???

This is speaking to believers

It's not about being / getting saved OR staying saved!

It's about **following** the Lord on the Journey!

Thoughts:

- We sin!

The specific words are important but not the issue!

- What is God keeps a record?
- He knows!

He has no need for records!

- We could not

Psalm 1:5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

Psalm 5:5 The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: Thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

Psalm 24:3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who shall stand in his holy place?

1 Samuel 6:20 And the men of Beth-shemesh said, **Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God?** and to whom shall he go up from us?

1 Kings 8:10 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD,

1 Kings 8:11 So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.

Psalm 76:7 Thou, even thou, art to be feared: **And who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?**

- We receive forgiveness ...once & for all...and also again & again!

Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

3. Waiting for the Lord!

Psalm 130:5 I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, And in his word do I hope.

Psalm 130:6 My soul waiteth for the Lord **More than** they that watch for the morning: I say, **more than** they that watch for the morning.

- I wait
- For the Lord
- My soul = me + intensity
- In His Word
- More than...
- And I don't like to wait!!!

4. Advocating about (everything) the Lord!

Advocating → recommending, commending...

Psalm 130:7 Let Israel hope in the LORD: For with (בְּיִצְמַח יְהוָה הַחַסֵּד) the LORD there is mercy, And with him (וְיִתְרַבָּה עִמּוֹן קְדוּתוֹ) is plenteous redemption.

Psalm 130:8 And he shall redeem Israel From all his iniquities.

Psalm 130:4 But there is forgiveness with thee (בְּיִצְמַח הַסְּלִיחָה), That thou mayest be feared.

3 withs:

1. With Him is forgiveness
 2. With Him is mercy
 3. With Him is plenteous (more than enough) redemption
- And He shall redeem