

EXPERIENCES ON THE JOURNEY PSALM 130

Is has been said:

The historical texts speak **about** us!

The didactic / teaching texts speak **to** us!

The Psalms speak **for** us!

Psalm 130 gives us the various experiences we can expect!

1. In the depths!

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.

*When the going gets tough, the tough get going! Or *sometimes* they run away!

Life with the Lord is wonderful! However, it is still life in a fallen world!

- We **will** find ourselves in the depths!
- We will **always** need to cry &/ cry out
- Prayer, supplication, begging God for mercy **is the norm!**
- Not every day, & probably not most days, but certainly some days!
- Life with the Lord is a good life – a wonderful life!
- **However, it is still a life in a fallen, sinful world!**

Psalm 18:4 The sorrows of death compassed me, And the floods of ungodly men made me afraid. **Psalm 18:6** In my distress I called upon the LORD, And cried unto my God: He heard my voice out of his temple, And my cry came before him, even into his ears. **Psalm 18:16** He sent from above, he took me, He drew me out of many waters.

Psalm 25:16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; For I am desolate and afflicted. **Psalm 25:17** The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses. **Psalm 25:18** Look upon mine affliction and my pain; And forgive all my sins.

Psalm 40:1 I waited patiently for the LORD; And he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. **Psalm 40:2** He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

Psalm 69:1 Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul. **Psalm 69:2** I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me. **Psalm 69:3** I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: Mine eyes fail while I wait for my God. **Psalm 69:4** They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: They that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: Then I restored that which I took not away.

Psalm 69:14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: Let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters. **Psalm 69:15** Let not the waterflood overflow me, Neither let the deep swallow me up, And let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

Lamentations 3:53 They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and cast a stone upon me. **Lamentations 3:54** Waters flowed over mine head; then I said, I am cut off. **Lamentations 3:55** I called upon thy name, O LORD, out of the low dungeon.

- The good news is the Lord actually hears & answers our prayers.

2. On the hook!

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

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

Acts 13:38 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: **Acts 13:39** And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

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.

Matthew 6:12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Thoughts:

- **We are all sinners**
- **And sinners sin!**
- **And God remembers = God knows**
- **But God forgives**
- **God forgives freely**
- **God forgives **because of Christ****
- **But sadly, we sin after we are saved / are forgiven!**
- **Confession is an ongoing activity**
- **Not about (primarily) guilt but a relationship with the Lord**

Questions:

What if we never find ourselves on the hook?

Romans 7:7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

Romans 7:8 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead.

What if we can only recognize other people's sins?

3. In the queue!

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.

Psalm 27:14 Wait on the LORD: Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: Wait, I say, on the LORD.

Psalm 33:20 Our soul waiteth for the LORD: He is our help and our shield.

Thoughts:

- **God seems slow**
- **We are always in a hurry**
- **We must learn to wait**
- **Wait on the Lord & the Lord's timing**

4. With the Lord!

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

Psalm 130:7 Let Israel hope in the LORD: For **with the LORD there is mercy**, And **with him is plenteous redemption**. **Psalm 130:8** And he shall redeem Israel From **all** his iniquities.