

## **PSALM 130 2024 – *Out of the Depths! My Soul Waits for the Lord!***

**Psa 130** - Out of the depths we cry, wait, watch, and hope. In this Psalm we hear of the pearl of redemption, verses 7 and 8; perhaps the sweet singer would never have found that precious thing, had he not been cast into the depths. Pearls lie deep!

### ***Psa 130:1 A Song of Ascents. Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD;***

**(Lam 3:55)** *I called on Your name, O LORD, From the lowest pit. (Jon 2:3-4) For You cast me into the deep, Into the heart of the seas, And the floods surrounded me; All Your billows and Your waves passed over me. [4] Then I said, 'I have been cast out of Your sight; Yet I will look again toward Your holy temple.'*

- Psalm 130 is a cry of the psalmist who was going through some heavy, heavy trials. He is drowning. He is overwhelmed!
- *I cried unto thee, O LORD!* The first thing we need to do is to pray! To pray from the depth of my being! I need to get into prayer to contact the only One who is greater than my need! To find something greater than the problem that I am facing! That is, out of the depths of my being, out of the depths of my soul. I am sure that all of us can relate to this for there have been those times when we have been overwhelmed by the circumstances of our lives. Out of the depths of our being, out of the depths of our soul, our prayers have come. It is just that we are so overwhelmed by the circumstances. We cry unto God.
- Deep places beget deep devotions! In my lowest state, how quickly and how often do I come to Him and cry out?

***Psa 130:2 Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive To the voice of my supplications.*** God, hear me, I am desperate!

### ***Psa 130:3 If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?***

**(Nah 1:6-7)** *Who can stand before His indignation? And who can endure the fierceness of His anger? His fury is poured out like fire, And the rocks are thrown down by Him. [7] The LORD is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble; And He knows those who trust in Him.*

- Usually when we are going through these heavy, heavy things in life, those really deep waters, somehow we always seem to feel that this is God's judgment on me. All of us have failed, all of us have come short of what God would have us to be. The Bible tells us that. None of us have attained or achieved all that God would have us to be or do. We are aware of our shortcomings. We are aware of our failures. Whenever these heavy, heavy trials come and our soul is just weighted down, the enemy takes advantage. Yes, you see, because you did this, God is getting even with you.
- Thus, the psalmist says, "*Lord, if You should mark iniquities, who could stand?*" In other words, he recognized that it is not because of my iniquity. He recognized if God would lay it on us because we had failed, no one would come out. We would all be wiped out. Thus, recognizing in this situation that it is not really a punishment. That is so important that we not blame God or think that God is some way punishing us. It is so sad.
- The psalmist was wise enough to recognize that these deep, heavy experiences are not because of my failure and my iniquity because Lord, if You should mark iniquities, who would stand? None of us have a chance.

***Psa 130:4 But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared.***

- That we might stand in awe and wonder of You!

### ***Psa 130:5 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, And in His word I do hope.***

- Expecting Him to come to me in love, I quietly wait for His appearing. I wait upon Him in service and for Him in faith. For God I wait and Him only!
- Lord, I am waiting upon you and I am just hoping in Your word. The promises of the word. I am hanging on to that. Have you ever been at that place where you just hang on to the word of God? Lord, You said!
- In Genesis, Jacob has this heavy, heavy-duty experience. On his way from Laban, going back to Israel he finds himself in a quandary. The angry father-in-law is behind him in a line he cannot go over, and the angry twin brother Esau is coming to meet him. Jacob's in this quandary of what to do.
- Oftentimes we find ourselves in the middle of a pressured situation. We do not know which way to turn

Jacob waited on the Lord. In fact, he wrestled with the Lord all night. So, the psalmist speaks about the depths, crying to the Lord, waiting on the Lord. “*My soul waits and in His word I do hope.*”

- Now Jacob prayed and he said, Lord, you remember when I left here seventeen years ago? I made a deal with you. He was really overwhelmed with what God had done. But Lord, You said, You said, Return unto your home and I will deal well with you. I am coming home but Lord, Esau is on his way with four hundred men. But You told me, You said, and he is reminding the Lord of what He said.
- A lot of times when I pray I do that, too. I remind the Lord of His promises. Not that He needs it, but it helps me to remind the Lord that You said, Lord. (**Php 4:19**) *And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.* You said that Lord. It helps me to remind the Lord of what He said. So, I wait for the Lord. “*My soul waits and in His word, in the promises do I hope.*”

***Psa 130:6 My soul waits for the Lord More than those who watch for the morning—Yes, more than those who watch for the morning.***

- A night watchman’s job was a lonely kind of a vigil. All night long as you are walking that wall looking out in the darkness, you keep looking over towards the east to see if there is any dawn, any sign of the morning. “*My soul waits for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning.* That waiting upon God. Sometimes it seems so long. It seems like God is not hearing me and it seems like I have been waiting so long for God to work.

***Psa 130:7 O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with the LORD there is mercy, And with Him is abundant redemption.***

- Therefore, put your hope in the LORD. (**Psa 131:3**) *O Israel, hope in the LORD From this time forth and forever.* (**Isa 55:7**) *Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.*

***Psa 130:8 And He shall redeem Israel From all his iniquities.***

- Lord, if You would mark iniquities, none of us would stand But You will redeem Israel from all their iniquities! The word Israel is a man of God or governed by God. The Lord redeems those who are governed by Him from all their iniquities. (**Num 23:21**) *“He has not observed iniquity in Jacob, Nor has He seen wickedness in Israel. The LORD his God is with him, And the shout of a King is among them.*
- Isn’t that glorious? If God would mark iniquities, none of us would stand. But He shall redeem us from all our iniquities!

**REDEEMED!** - Fanny Crosby, William Kirkpatrick, Terry Blackwell (3:12)

*Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed through His infinite mercy, His child and forever I am.*

*Refrain:*

*Redeemed, redeemed, Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed, redeemed, His child and forever I am.*

*Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus, No language my rapture can tell;  
I know that the light of His presence With me doth continually dwell. Refrain*

*I think of my blessed Redeemer, I think of Him all the day long:  
I sing, for I cannot be silent; His love is the theme of my song. Refrain*

*I know I shall see in His beauty The King in whose law I delight;  
Who lovingly guardeth my footsteps, And giveth me songs in the night. Refrain*

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***PRAY FOR OUR NATION’S LEADERS: PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA: PRAY FOR WORLD  
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