



# Be Desperate This Thanksgiving & Feast on the Gospel!

Psalm of Ascents 130

## What Kind of Song Is Psalm 130?

- A Pilgrim Song** This is 1 of 15 **Psalms of Ascents** that were sung by religious pilgrims on their way to worship at the Temple in Jerusalem three times a year—a journey that literally meant **going further up and further into God's presence!**
- A Penitential Song** This is 1 of 7 psalms that are songs of forgiveness by broken sinners (6; 32; 38; 51; 102; 130; 143).
- A Pauline Song** This a psalm that Martin Luther liked to call a "**Pauline Psalm**" because the gospel of God's amazing grace to sinners like himself was so clearly presented in it.
- A Practical Song** Sometimes on our journey to joy we fall into the depths of sin and need to be reminded to...

## **BE DESPERATE** in Order to Feast on God's Abundant Forgiveness in the Gospel!

*No matter how deep you are in sin and despair, cry out to God for forgiveness, knowing that He delights in abundant redemption!*

## This Thanksgiving Be Desperate and Feast on God's Forgiveness!

### 1. **CRY OUT** to the LORD for Grace in Times of Deep Despair. (1-2)

- A cry from deep **MISERY** due to sin.

*"Out of the depths" = Lit. "the deeps"*

- A cry of desperate **URGENCY** to be heard and answered.

*"Out of the depths, I have cried to You, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications."*

- A cry for undeserved **MERCY** from the LORD who is Lord over all.

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### 2. **CONFESS** Your Sinfulness to the LORD, Confident in His Forgiving Character. (3-4)

- **IF** You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?"

*"Mark iniquities" means...*

*"Who could stand" means...*

- 1) Stand in the sense of **being worthy** to enter God's holy presence and **being welcomed** by Him as one of His children and servants.
- 2) Stand in the sense of not **being able to survive** His just punishment and holy wrath.

If God was **JUST** a record keeper and a list maker, no one would be found worthy to enter into His presence and stand before Him to serve Him and exalt His name!

If God greatest desire was to **ONLY** find fault and judge sinners for their sin, no could survive His fiery wrath!  
No one could stand in His holy presence and everyone would suffer His fiery wrath!

➤ **"BUT** there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared."

- 1) The power of forgiveness is in a **SUFFICIENT SACRIFICE** to pay for the sins of the whole world!
- 2) The person of forgiveness is the **LORD!**
- 3) The purpose of forgiveness is to **FEAR HIM!**

**The Purpose of God's Forgiveness (and Therefore the Necessary Result) Is This:**

*To fear the Lord in such way that we run to Him out of loving gratitude with an obedient faith that freely worships in His presence with His people in His place!*

### **3. CLING to God Himself as You Wait for His Word of Forgiveness to Be Fulfilled. (5-6)**

**Those Who Cling to the LORD Will...**

- Wait in hope for the LORD **HIMSELF** to fully redeem us.
- Wait in hope for His word of forgiveness to be **PROCLAIMED.**

*What is "HIS WORD" that the psalmist was waiting for in hope?*

- Wait in hope like a night watchmen waiting for the sun to rise.

### **4. CALL Other Desperate People to Hope in the Lord for Abundant Redemption. (7-8)**

**Three Reasons Why Our Hope Is in the LORD, His Coming Kingdom, and the New Creation**

- His **loyal love** is never failing.
- His **abundant redemption** is always available.
- His **total deliverance** is surely coming.

**God Has Graciously Provided a Generous Feast of Gospel Forgiveness for...**

*Drowning Sinners (1-2) ~ Trusting Believers (3-4) ~ Waiting Followers (5-6) ~ Fearing Worshippers (7-8)*

**Are You Desperate Enough to Kneel Down and Cry Out for His Forgiveness This Morning and Make It an Ongoing Habit?**

*If So, Then Feast on His Forgiveness Every Day and Invite Others to Feast with You!*