

PSALM 130 vs 1

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This is the 11th of 15 psalms... sometimes called: **A Song of Ascents**... thought by some to be sung in praise to the LORD of glory... used in the all-night ceremony to begin **Passover**, **Pentecost** and **the Feast of Tabernacles**. In the liturgical church psalm 130 is known as: **De Profundis**. In the old Lutheran hymnal – the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America... it is #664, which is easy to remember for my family because that is the street address we lived at, growing up in Roseville, Minnesota.



Charles Spurgeon wrote: It would be hard to see any upward step preceding to the present Psalm, and so it is possible that the steps or ascents are in the song itself; certainly it does rise rapidly out of the depths of anguish to the heights of assurance.

A Song of Ascents of David,

¹From the depths I cried to You, O LORD.

An individual... a man, a woman... in deepest distress... is the subject, yet the LORD is in focus.

²LORD, hear my voice: let Your ear be attentive to the voice of my requests / this verse and those like it... dotted throughout scripture are full of anxiety and trouble; and still truly profound; that God our heavenly Father would bow so low from His greatness and glory... who is the Centerpiece of Eternity... to hear my voice... and your voice. Especially, when I ask myself: have I heard His voice, and has my ear been as attentive to His words of promise? Or am I just a demanding fool?

³If You, LORD, should mark crimes, O LORD, who can stand? / certainly, not me! and All mankind... who has turned each one to his or her own way. Earlier, we read: Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord; who walks in His ways. Unfortunately, we don't tend to walk in His ways; we walk in our inequities and inequalities. This is why Isaiah wrote: ALL we like dumb sheep have gone astray.

⁴But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared / Isaiah 50 asks: Who is there that fears the LORD... who obeys the Lord's servant, who walks in darkness? same word! In Psalm 118, we are introduced to an assembly of God's thankful people: **those ruled by God**; and **those Aarons** who bring His light; and **those nameless nobodies** -- small and great, who simply fear the LORD.

⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits / to look for expectantly. Isaiah 25:9 says, And it will be said in that great Day of His coming... Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation... His YESHUA... His JESUS! Notice the word wait... is repeated twice; apparently, the LORD wants to see if we are serious.

and in His word, I hope / because HE speaks Truth. He said, If it was not so, I would have told you. We have a reason to get up in the morning! One day, HE will come! What a day of rejoicing that will be!

6 My soul waits for the LORD more than those who watch for the morning

/ more than the guard on watch through the dark night. As watchmen of the night, perhaps our greatest responsibility is as watchmen and guardians to those lives placed in our care. Yet even greater is our responsibility to wait for the LORD... who alone knows how to get each of us all the way home;

I say more than those who watch for the morning.

7 Let Israel hope in the LORD / Israel means: **isra = ruled + EL = God**. That is Israel. It's a name that indicates: God's people in the kingdom where God is in charge. **Jacob**... who was a frequent lying cheater; a crook; who when he was 100 years old, having wrestled with the LORD most of his life got a new name. Now quite honestly, that old man Jacob, sounds like most of us wild jackasses, doesn't he? Jesus said, [Take My yoke and learn of Me](#); and those who do, suddenly find a new man warring within them. Well, that's me; and that's you who need to stop fighting God and take the new name **ruled by God**.

Let Israel / including me and you... hope in the LORD:

for with the LORD there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption / God our Father in heaven isn't cruel. He is full of mercy... though He treated His Son the way we should have been treated. In this broken world, He isn't surprised by our failures; but I would guess... if something does surprise Him it probably is when we come to our senses and call upon Him. Thankfully, He is rich in mercy and overflowing with redemption and recovery and reclamation. There is no shortage of goodness and mercy with Him! **Mercy = getting what we do not deserve.**

8 And He will redeem Israel / those **ruled by God**, **from all his crimes** / from all his inequities, and inequalities and injustices; from his hideous guilt; which is what He did, when Jesus the Christ, the Messiah sent from God... gave His life on Calvary that great and terrible day so long ago; when He shouted out with a loud voice... **once for all time: TETELESTI! IT IS FINISHED! PAID IN FULL!** So can we do our part... and thank Him; and wait expectantly for Him?!

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