

## “OUT of the DEPTHS”

Psalm 130:1-8

(3 Specific Seasons When God Promises To Hear Our Prayer)

“Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice;  
let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications” (v. 1, 2)

### — INTRODUCTION —

**Fact:** Psalm 130 is listed as a song of degrees. (a rapid progression from despair to delight)

**Fact:** This psalm is an answered prayer in extreme distress.

**Fact:** What the psalmist experienced is for every child of God.

- Questions:** #1. What does it mean to cry “out of the depths”? (v. 1)  
#2. What does it mean to be “marked with iniquities”? (v.3)  
#3. What does it mean to “watch for the morning”? (v.6)

### ( 3 Seasons God Will Reveal Himself )

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#### I. God Answers Prayer In The DEEP (v. 1, 2)

“Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.” (v. 1)

**Question:** What are the “depths” of life?

**Answer:** The psalmist is experiencing some type of...

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| 1. Distress | 3. Desert | 5. Disappointment |
| 2. Despair  | 4. Delay  | 6. Discouragement |

**Question:** Why is the experience described as “the depths”?

**Answer:** Because it is a season that...

- Is difficult to see a way out.
- It is far below the surface level of comfort.
- It is overwhelming in nature.
- It is a valley that has left him disappointed.

**Question:** What does the psalmist do “in the deep”?

**Answer:** He *turns to the Lord*.

“Let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications” (v. 2)

**Question:** Why does the psalmist turn to the Lord in prayer?

**Answer:** Because he knows something that we must know:

- No matter how deep the water may be, it is never too deep where we cannot pray!
- Regardless of the depth of your valley or pain, it cannot separate you from the Lord!

- Whenever we pray and cry out to the Lord in earnest prayer, we will be rewarded with the perfect peace of God.
- Prayer will focus our attention on God instead of the circumstances surrounding us.

## II. God Answers Prayer In The *COURTHOUSE* (v. 3, 4)

“If thou Lord shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?” (v. 3)

**Fact:** This is a picture of the real trial of the century.

**Fact:** It is a picture of you and me on trial.

**Fact:** We are seen standing in the courthouse before the Judge.

**Fact:** We've been made aware of our own sins.

**Fact:** We are seen without a defense or excuse for crimes committed against God.

( So much so that... )

If God tells the truth about us and our iniquities, who could even stand in His presence? (v. 3)

( What will the Judge do now? )

- Will His love be greater than His judgment of sin?
- Will He remember all of our failures of the past?
- Will God embarrass us and expose us to the world?
- What exactly will God do when we cry out of the depths of conviction over our sin?

“But there is forgiveness with thee” (v. 4)

**And I discover here:**

- That God has pardoned me of all my sin!
- That God has forgiven me all my iniquities.
- That God has paid my debt, paid my penalty and cleared my record.

**Question:** What is forgiveness?

**Answer:** The cancellation of a debt as if it never existed!

**Question:** How can I be sure I am forgiven by God?

- “As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.” (Psalm 103:12)
- “Thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.” (Isaiah 38:17)
- God has tread our sin underfoot and hurled all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. (Micah 7:19)
- “He has made us accepted in the Beloved” (Ephesians 1:6)
- “The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all” (Isaiah 53:6)

### III. God Answers Prayer In The NIGHTTIME (v. 5, 6)

“My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning” (v. 6)

**Fact:** The psalmist is patiently waiting for a change.

**Fact:** He feels like he is in the dark and that morning never comes.

**Fact:** The dawning of his dream, vision, answered prayer and divine intervention seems to be “on hold.”

**Question:** Are you “on hold” waiting for some earthly circumstance to change?

**Question:** Does it seem like God is slow to expose some injustice in your life?

**Question:** Is there a “night season” with no sunrise yet in sight to shout about?

#### ( The Ministry Of Patience )

“Add to your faith, **patience**” (II Peter 1:5, 6)

“Walk worthy, with all meekness and **long-suffering**” (Ephesians 4:2)

Patience (HUPOMONE) means:

1. To continue
2. To wait
3. To remain
4. To persevere

Long-suffering (MAKROTHUMIA) means:

1. Forbearance
2. To be long tempered
3. To endure under adversity

**Long-suffering (patience) is .....**

1. The fruit that keeps us steadfast under adversity.
2. The grace to bear with difficult people or circumstances.
3. The power to endure hardship without breaking down.

**The result of patience?**

“That you may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing” (James 1:4)

1. “Perfect” (TELEIOS) means - mature growth of character.
2. “Entire” (HOLOKLEROS) means - whole, complete and sound.
3. “Wanting nothing” (LEIPE MEDEN) means - no lack or contented.

The secret is: “In His Word Do I Hope” (v. 5)

- Believe that God will keep you in the night seasons.
- Believe that God will anchor you when “on hold.”
- Believe that God will reward you for being patient.

*AMEN!*

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