

Psalm 130

Psalms 130:1-2 [New King James] *“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.”*

The depth and urgency of this appeal to the Creator God is prompted by the awareness of his sin.

Psalms 130:3-4 [New King James] *“If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.”*

The Hebrew word used for “iniquities” is “avon” meaning perverseness, from a root word meaning bent or crooked, wrung out of the right course of life. If the Creator God continued to remember such sins the Psalmist would be without any hope for the future.

The Psalmist does have hope because of the merciful nature of the Creator God that he has learnt to fear, [Hebrew “yârê” meaning to revere.]

Psalms 103:11-14 [New King James] *“For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.”*

The Psalmist knew this is how the Creator God would react to all who confess and repent of their sins, [Isaiah 43:25].

Psalms 130:5-6 [New King James] *“I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, yes, more than those who watch for the morning.”*

It was in the Creator God’s promises that are recorded in His Word that the Psalmist placed his hope and waited patiently for the expected response from the merciful Creator God.

Psalms 130:7-8 [New King James] *“O Israel, hope in the LORD; for with the LORD there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.”*

This joyful truth the Psalmist desires to share with all of Israel, God’s people.

Matthew 28:18-20 [New King James] *“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’ Amen.”*

Every true Christian should be filled with the same desire as the Psalmist, to reach out to all who as yet do not know the loving and merciful Creator God, and point them to the sure promises that He has made to all humanity in His Word, the Christian Bible.

2 Peter 3:9 [New King James] *“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”*

It is the Creator God’s deep desire that all human beings will take the first steps that the Psalmist took, to confess his sins, repent on them and seek forgiveness from God.