

Out of the Depths

Psalm 130

God's grace is greater than human sin. Even in the depths of one's guilt, there is hope.

I. I Cry to You (vs. 1-2)

"out of the depths"

Jonah 2:2-3

Response: crying out to the Lord

II. I Trust in You (vs. 3-4)

A. "If" – God's Justice (vs. 3)

If God kept a record, who could stand?

Romans 3:10,23

If God were only just, no human would have any hope

2 Peter 2:4

B. "But" – God's mercy and grace (vs. 4)

God is not eager to punish, God is eager to forgive.

Ephesians 2:1-5

When things look darkest, God comes and shines the light of His gospel on us.

Response #1 - reverence

Response #2 – service

Titus 2:14

God's grace does not lead to complacency, but to worship, submission and service

III. I Wait for You (vs. 5-6)

He longs for the relief from his sin

"waiting"

"In His word I put my hope"

"more than watchman wait"

5 reasons God tells us to wait:

- 1) to rearrange our priorities
- 2) to strengthen our faith
- 3) to purify our motives
- 4) to increase our gratitude
- 5) to remind us that He is God and we are not

IV. We Hope in You (vs. 7-8)

From personal experience to public exhortation

God's forgiveness comes with 2 companions:

- 1) God's unfailing love (hesed) – **Exodus 34:6**

This is the basis for God's forgiveness.

- 2) Full redemption (pedut)

redemption, deliverance, or distinction.

The price of God's forgiveness - the shed blood of His Son