

With God
Psalm 130:1-8
August 7, 2022

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Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

I. God's reaction to our failure is forgiveness and redemption (vv. 1-4a, 7b)

Romans 6:23

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

A. Repress - "Not real."

B. Rationalize - "Not my fault."

"We admit that we are guilty, but we immediately blunt the edge of our confession by pointing out all of the extenuating circumstances that have conspired to make us this way. If we can't blame our parents or our teachers, we blame the government or our genes." - Don Williams

C. Relativize - "Not so bad."

Rather than repressing, rationalizing, or relativizing our sin and guilt, we need to recognize it, release it to God, and receive His forgiveness.

Psalm 130:4

But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Psalm 130:7

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

II. Our response to God's forgiveness is fear and hope (vv. 4b-7a, 8)

Psalm 130:6

my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

Psalm 130:8

And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

Romans 3:23-25

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

Main Idea: God's promise of forgiveness is our hope for redemption

"When we truly understand God's forgiveness and the cost of it, in sending Christ to the Cross, we are broken and humbled, as we bow in awe before God. There is no presumption here. There is no flippancy here. We deserve judgment; we receive mercy." - Don Williams

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