

REDEEMED

Psalm 130

[1] Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

- [2] O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
- [3] If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
- [4] But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.
- [6] my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,

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[7] O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

and with him is plentiful redemption.

[8] And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

What's the big deal about sin?

Penitential Psalms- 6; 25; 32; 28; 51; 130; & 143

A pattern for redemption:

- o When you feel ______, cry out to God (Psalm 130:1-2).
- o When you sin, _____ it to God (Psalm 130:3-4- Sometimes despair comes from our own sin, I John 1:9, Psalm 32; 51; 66:18).
- o Redemption renews our trust in and _______ for God (Psalm 130:5-6, Psalm 63, Romans 8:23, 1 Corinthians 1:30).
 - "It is the Lord Himself, not simple escape from punishment that the writer longs for." Derek Kidner.
 - Are you uneasy, restless?

o Redemption comes from God's _______love and restores hope for life (Psalm 130:7-8, Daniel 9:9, Nehemiah 9:17, Psalm 86:5, 103:3).

"Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LOR $\ensuremath{\text{D.}}$

Be glad in

the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!" Psalm 32:10-11

The Ascent- a climb out of despair:

4. Assurance (vs. 7-

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3. Hope (vs. 5-6)

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2. Confession (vs. 3-4)

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1. Misery (vs. 1-2)

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace." - Ephesians 1:7

DIGGING DEEPER

Questions and reflections for your own personal or group study.

- 1. Read over Psalm 130 again and discuss the following questions:
- 2. What is your normal first response when you feel down or depressed? How could this Psalm help you refocus when those feelings come your way?
- 3. How would you answer the rhetorical question in verse
- 4. What does waiting have to do with redemption or forgiveness in this Psalm? In your life?
- 5. What is hope? How is it described in Psalm 130?
- 6. What are some of the characteristics of God's nature seen in this Psalm?
- 7. Is repentance a normal part of your life? Why or why not?
- 8. Spend some time thanking God for his mercy and love for you today.