

The Cry for Hope

Text: Psalm 130

Context - Psalm 130, is a penitential Song of Ascents, voicing an individual's desperate plea for God's mercy amid profound despair and sin, while affirming divine forgiveness and urging Israel to hope in God's steadfast love and ultimate redemption of all iniquity.

To Obtain Hope in this Life...

I. _____ out to God (vs. 1-2)

- A. "Whoever has understood himself to be in the deep, cries out, groans, sighs, until he be delivered from the deep, and come unto Him who sits above all the deeps." (St. Augustine)
- B. "He that cries out of the depths shall soon sing in the heights." (Charles Spurgeon)

II. _____ forgiveness in Christ (vs. 3-4)

- A. "Because his nature is mercy, and because he has provided a sacrifice for sin, therefore forgiveness is with him for all that come to him confessing their sins." (Charles Spurgeon)
- B. "Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth; His helping love no limit knows, Our utmost need it soundeth. Our Shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free From all their sin and sorrow." (Martin Luther - from his hymn "From Depths of Woe")

III. _____ to his Word (vs. 5-8)

- A. "To wait on God means to pause and soberly consider our own inadequacy and the Lord's all-sufficiency, and to seek counsel and help from the Lord, and to hope in Him... The folly of not waiting for God is that we forfeit the blessing of having God work for us." (John Piper)
- B. "If the Lord Jehovah makes us wait, let us do so with our whole hearts; for blessed are all they that wait for him. He is worth waiting for. The waiting itself is beneficial to us: it tries faith, exercises patience, trains submission, and endears the blessing when it comes." (Charles Spurgeon)