

DESPAIR HOPES Psalm 13

"Hope despairs and yet despair hopes." Martin Luther

"as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing" 2 Corinthians 6:10

1. David questions God

*How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I take counsel in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? (1-2)*

2. David prays to God

*Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken. (3-4)*

3. David praises God

*But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord,
because he has dealt bountifully with me. (5-6)*

Death leads to life.