

## **Song of Ascents 11 - Ps 130 - Out of the Depths I Cry to You**

A song of ascents. *Out of the depths* I cry to you, LORD; Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? *But* with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. Israel, put your *hope in the LORD*, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

## **Out of the Depths - "In the Pits"** (like Jeremiah 38: sank in mud - 30 men to get him out)

### **1) He was in the depths - & the context indicates it is because of sin**

- cry for mercy
- if the Lord kept a record of sins who could stand
- there is forgiveness with you - so that we can with reverence serve you [KJV that you might be feared]

### **2) Sometimes "the depths" or "the pit" is the best place for us - it is a place where our only option is calling upon him**

- for the Prodigal son - thank God that he ended up in the pig's pen
- for Jonah - thank God that he ended up in the whale's belly

### **3) And He cried unto the Lord**

When we are in trouble we go for help

- we call a counselor
- we call a friend
- we call a lawyer

When we are in sin there is only one place to go for help - LORD hear my voice.

Praise God that he allows us or takes us to the depths because it is there that we cry - it is there that we finally look up - it is there that we finally come to the end of our road and maybe for the first time find hope in the only one who can deliver us - where else can we turn when we are undone by sin - only He can deliver us. **If we are brought to a pit that moves us to call upon the Lord - then praise God**

## But he has hope

vs 5-A hope based on truth of His word

vs 7-A hope in the Lord

## That God hears

**We have a history of answered prayer - that inspires our faith to ask today**

- Psa 116:1-6 I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me. I will call on him as long as I live. The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the LORD: "LORD, save me!" The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. The LORD protects the unwary; when I was brought low, he saved me.
- Psa 86:6-8 Hear my prayer, LORD; listen to my cry for mercy. When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me. Among the gods there is none like you, Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.

## That He is a God of Mercy

- Lam 3:22-23 It is because of the Lord's mercy and loving-kindness that we are not consumed, because His [tender] compassions fail not. [Mal 3:6.] 23 They are new every morning; great and abundant is Your stability and faithfulness. (AMP)
- Heb 4:15-16 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet was without sin. 16 Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

## He keeps no record of wrongs - else who could stand

- 1 Cor 13:5-6 [LOVE] It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.
- Isa 43:25 "I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

## With You there is Forgiveness...that you might be feared

- Mic 7:18-19 Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. 19 You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.
- Psa 103:10-12 he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

### **That you might be feared**

- Forgiven much - loves much
- Paul on road to Damascus - forgiveness followed by complete surrender

### **Two Extremes We Must Guard Against**

#### FIRST: That I have committed a sin that He cannot forgive

- Paul the greatest of sinners  
1 Tim 1:15-17 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners — of whom I am the worst. 16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life.

## SECOND: That we turn His grace to a license to sin

Jude 3-4 Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. 4 For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

- His grace and the forgiveness of sin is not a signal that sin is taken lightly by Him - **NO - It cost Him His life - Rom 3:26**
- He gave Jesus as the sacrifice - He is **JUST because all sin was punished**
- He forgives our sin based on what Jesus did - so he is also the **JUSTIFIER**

Rom 3:25-26 God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— 26 he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

## With the Lord is Unfailing love

### **Who shall separate us from the Love of God**

Rom 8:31-39 What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all — how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## With Him is Full redemption

- 1 John 2:2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.
- Heb 7:24-25 but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. 25 Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (Jn. 3:16).

God - The greatest lover

So loved - The greatest degree

The world - The greatest number

That He gave - The greatest act

His only begotten Son - The greatest gift

That whosoever - The greatest invitation

Believeth - The greatest simplicity

In Him - The greatest person

Should not perish - The greatest deliverance  
But - The greatest difference  
Have - The greatest certainty  
Everlasting life - The greatest possession