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WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

Mid-Week Devotional

SERIES:

“Christ in the Psalms”

August 17th, 2022

“The Eleventh Psalm of Ascent”

Psalm 130

THE SONGS OF DEGREES AS A WHOLE

This little psalter within the psalter consists of fifteen brief songs. Why they are grouped together and what is meant by their generic name it would be hard to tell. The conjectures are very many, but they are mere suppositions. Out of them all the conjecture by Dr. Jebb best commends itself to my own mind, though it would be quite consistent with this suggestion to believe that the series of songs are arranged by David became the Pilgrim Psalms of after ages, and were chanted by the Lord's people as they went up to the temple. They are "Songs of the Goings Up;" so some read the word. Those who delight to spiritualize everything find here Ascents of the Soul, or language fitted to describe the rising of the heart from the deepest grief to the highest delight....

—C.H.S.

PSALM 130

TITLE. — *A Song of Degrees.* It would be hard to see any upward step from the preceding to the present psalm, and therefore it is possible that the steps or ascents are in the song itself: certainly it does rise rapidly out of the depths of anguish to the heights of assurance. It follows well upon cxxix.: when we have overcome the trials which arise from man we are the better prepared to meet those sharper sorrows which arise out of our matters towards God. He who has borne the scourges of the wicked is trained in all patience to wait the dealings of the Holy Lord. We name this the DE PROFUNDIS PSALM: "Out of the depths" is the leading word of it: out of those depths we cry, wait, watch, and hope. In this psalm we hear of the pearl of redemption, verses 7 and 8: perhaps the sweet singer would never have found that precious thing had he not been cast into the depths. "Pearls lie deep."

DIVISION. — The first two verses reveal an intense desire; and the next two are a humble confession of repentance and faith, verses 3 and 4. In verses 5 and 6 waiting watchfulness is declared and resolved upon; and in the last two verses joyful expectation, both for himself and all Israel, finds expression.

The Treasury of David

by Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892)
VOLUME VII, PASSMORE & ALABASTER EDITION
(ALL emphasis in original)

Devotional Thoughts from Psalm 130

REFLECTION. Prophetically, after Christ's scourging in Psalm 129:3, the Lord Jesus calls out to the Father from the depths of suffering God's wrath (v1; Psa 22:1). Jesus continues to trust in God, though forsaken of God (v2; Psa 22:2, 8). Because of Christ's sufferings upon the cross, paying a debt He did

not owe, no one would survive sin's account, yet, God forgives through faith in Christ and remembers our sins no more (**vv3-4**; Psa 22:3-5; Jer 31:34). In the midst of suffering, Jesus continued to look to the LORD, wait for the LORD, and trust in the LORD (**vv5-6**; Psa 22:6-11). The life, sufferings, and death of Jesus Messiah testifies to Israel of eternal life in Christ alone (**vv7-8**; Psa 22:22-24).

APPLICATION. While we are promised hatred by the world, tribulation in the world, and persecution from the world, our sufferings and afflictions will never come remotely close to what Jesus suffered upon the cross. Nevertheless, we have a great High Priest who can sympathize with our weaknesses (Heb 4:15); therefore, we may call to Him from the depths of our own anguish (**v1**), and cry to Him since His ear is ever attentive (**v2**). By faith in Christ, God forgives us of our sins unto awe for Him through His amazing grace and condescending mercy (**vv3-4**). The eyes of our faith should be ever on Jesus (**vv5-6**); and our lives should testify to others, both to saved and unsaved, of God's great power to redeem souls in, by, and through the Lord Jesus Christ (**vv7-8**).

Devotional Challenge from Psalm 130

REFLECT upon the sufferings of Christ while He hung upon the cross. Consider how the anguish He suffered is conveyed through the words of Psalm 130.

READ PSALM 22 & PSALM 130 this week and consider how some of the thoughts from Psalm 130 convey similar ideas from Psalm 22. Use the "Reflection" section of the Devotional Thoughts from Psalm 130 as a guide. How do these two psalms help you to understand better what the gospel accounts in the New Testament reveal about Christ's crucifixion? Why does this matter? Explain, using the back of this handout to write some of your thoughts.

RESPOND: The words "Out of the depths" (**v1**) comes from the Hebrew word מִמְעַמְקַיִם (*mi-ma-am-QEYYM*), and its root, מַעַמַק (*ma-am-AQ*) is found four other places in the Old Testament, which is used to convey the deep depths of water or the seas (Psa 69:2, 14; Isa 51:10; Ezek 27:34). When we consider the depths of Christ's sufferings, how does knowing this word help us to understand Christ's crucifixion? How does it help us understand our salvation purchased by Christ? How does it help us understand our own trials and tribulations? Think of a man drowning in the ocean where there is no land in sight. How does this help us understand our psalm today?

Considering Psalm 130:

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