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Reading: Psalm 130 v 1-8

God didn't make any mistakes in this world - He created it to be inhabited so he could have a relationship with people. He has never stopped wanting this relationship. What you need to do to have a life worth living and hope for the future.

The psalm is clearly written by someone calling out for help. They make no bones of the fact they are to blame for the situation they are in. A man weighed down with guilt finds God's forgiveness and finds what a wonderful life he has - worthwhile and meaningful. He then seeks to tell others of the Saviour.

He has found himself in a hole; he came to the conclusion that things are grim and there is no way out. The problem is iniquities for which he is to blame. The consequences of his choices are to blame for where he is (Romans 6 :23). The just reward for sinners is death. A living death with no joy or satisfaction in life. Psalmist blames no one else. He knows if it was left to him there would be no hope. He knew that we cannot make ourselves fit for God. He knew it had to be God's gift that would get him out; something he didn't deserve. He needed to throw himself on God's mercy.

To have eternal salvation, we need to put faith and trust in fact he took my place. He became sin for me; He, the Son of God, spotless, holy, took the sin and knew it deeply. His holy mind was subject to the worst excesses of sin as he became sin for us. Have you believed that He has done this for you?

If God kept a note of sin how could one stand before him? These sins are not accidents, they are acts of rebellion against God. Our hearts will tell us what is wrong. Life is more than just existing.

People talk about emptiness and something missing because God wants a relationship with us. God's forgiveness is unconditional it is not doing a deal with God. We need to come to God because we want to be forgiven. When God forgives, He chooses not to remember any more.

The psalmist here learned what we often find, that the most difficult thing often is to just wait on the Lord. What the Lord desires is "that we should be holy and without blame before him in love" (Eph 1:4). When we come to God there is hope and certainty for the future. He wants to be involved in our life so much that He sent His only Son.

Does God care?

He left His only Son on the cross for me. "The word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). The angels could say "He is not here, for He is risen" (Matt 28:6). He is faithful and does not leave things undone.

He challenges us "Be ye holy for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:15): God wants us to be like Him.

Being a Christian does not depend on you; it depends on God and He is not going to let you down. He has given us redemption, so we can be sure that He will keep His end of the bargain. He who spared not His only son but delivered Him up for us all, shall He not freely give us all things (Rom 8:32). God paid the bill: His Son has paid the great price. God's plan has a certainty for the future. We will dwell with Him.

The law of God is about freedom. When God looks at the believer He sees the perfection of His Son.

“The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin” (1 John 1:7). If you have not called on God as your Saviour, your sin separates you from God. The Lord Jesus said, “I am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly” (John10:10).