



Psalm 130

Read Psalm 130

Iniquities = wickedness, sins

Redemption/redeem = buy back, pay the price for freedom

Understanding the Psalm

From verses 1 & 2

1. What can we say about the psalmist's situation?
2. What does the psalmist do?

From verses 3 & 4

3. Why does the psalmist need mercy?
4. What truth about God does he hold on to?

From verses 5 & 6

5. Having cried out to God, what does the psalmist do?
6. Discuss the image of the watchmen waiting for dawn. What kind of waiting is that?

From verses 7 & 8

7. The psalmist ends by calling on all God's people to do what he is doing. What does he remind them about God?

The Psalm and us

The Israelites cried out to God for mercy and forgiveness, and waited in hope for his redemption.

Read 1 John 1:8-2:2

8. As those who believe that Jesus died for our sins and rose to give us new life, how is our hope even better than the psalmists? (Also see Ephesians 1:7-10)

This psalm reminds us that our biggest need is to be redeemed from our sins.

It also assures us of God's character and gives us words to pray as we cry out for mercy.

With whom can you share this news of God's steadfast love and plentiful redemption this week?

A verse to meditate upon

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 4:10)

Extra bonus for those who want more...

Look again at Psalm 130:4. Discuss the relationship between forgiveness and the fear of the Lord.

From Luke 2:25-38, how is the birth of Jesus the end of the wait for Israel?

From Ephesians 1:7-14, if we no longer need to wait for forgiveness of sins, what are we still waiting for? How does this psalm help us as we wait?