



Psalm 129

1 A Song of degrees. Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth, may Israel now say:2 Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth: yet they have not prevailed against me. 3 The plowers plowed upon my back: they made long their furrows. 4 The LORD is righteous: he hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.

5 Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion. 6 Let them be as the grass upon the housetops, which withereth afore it groweth up: 7 Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand; nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom. 8 Neither do they which go by say, The blessing of the LORD be upon you: we bless you in the name of the LORD.

Introduction:

1. Here is another example of an Imprecatory Psalm (a curse upon enemies).
2. (v.1-4) is the complaint and (vv.5-8) is the curse or request for a curse.

Outline:

- A. Complaint (vv.1-4)
- B. Curse (vv.5-8)

Observations:

1. The Psalmist (David) rehearses the many afflictions of God's people.
(Personal/National)
2. God's enemies are cursed.

Psalm 130

1 A Song of degrees. Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD. 2 Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

3 If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? 4 But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

5 I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. 6 My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

7 Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. 8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Introduction:

1. This Psalm belongs to a series of Repentant Psalms (Pss. 6; 32; 38; 51; 102; 130; 143) – there are seven Psalms of Repentance.
2. David was guilty of sin and prays to God for mercy and hope.

Outline:

- A. Lament (vv.1-2)
- B. Confession of sin (vv.3-4)
- A.' Waiting for the LORD (vv.5-6)
- B.' Confidence of redemption (vv.7-8)

Observations:

1. David experienced anguish of soul because of his sin against God.
2. His confidence rests in his knowledge of God's mercy.
3. As a king, he exhorts the nation to expect national deliverance.
4. Solomon included part of v.2 in his prayer: 2 Chr. 6:40-42, after having completed the Temple construction and furnishings.

Psalm 131

1 A Song of degrees of David. LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.

2 Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul is even as a weaned child. 3 Let Israel hope in the LORD from henceforth and for ever.

Introduction:

1. Here is one of the three Psalms that only have three verses. (Pss. 131, 133, 134)
2. Very similar to the personal and national exhortation of Ps. 130.

Outline:

- A. Personal Humility (v.1)
- B. Contentment and Confidence in the LORD (vv.2-3).

Observations:

1. God humbles the proud but gives grace to humble. (Jas. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:5)
2. Saul accused David of pride and selfish ambition. (1 Sam. 18:8-9; Pro. 27:4)