

**WHEN GOD SEEMS FAR AWAY – Psalm 13v1-6**  
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INTRO:

ILLUST: - Christ' Disciples; Storm at Sea & Their REACTION – Mk. 4v32

Intro: Book Of Psalms & Text.

OBSERVE: Three (3) Emphases:

**I. DAVID'S APPREHENSIONS; CAUSED BY THE ANGUISH OF HIS SOUL – 1&2**

**Observe four (4) concerns:**

1. God has FORGOTTEN Me – v1a “how long, o lord? will you forget me forever? (v.1a)
2. God Has FORSAKEN Me – v1b “how long will you hide your face from me? (v.1b)
3. God Has Abandoned Me To The Futility Of Self Reliance – v2a “how long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? (v.2a)
4. God Will NOT Fulfil His Promises; BUT Am Frustrated By Them “how long will my enemy be exalted over me?” (v.2b)

**II. DAVID'S APPEAL FOR GOD'S REASSURING PRESENCE (3 & 4)**

- a) Spiritual Dimension: “ Consider (Look at me) and answer me – O LORD my God!” – v3a
- b) Emotional Dimension: enlighten my eyes (Light up my eyes) = bring me hope and joy... (Dark thoughts and lost in sorrow)
- c) Physical Dimension: “Don't let me be shaken...” - v4

**III. DAVID'S APPECIATION OF GOD'S**

**TRUSTWORTHINESS** (v5&6) c.f. Lam. 3v23 “great is thy faithfulness”

Let's break David's praises in areas of emphasis:

**i) He Recalled God's Unfaltering Compassion** (Verse 5a)  
“But I have trusted in Your Lovingkindness” – v5a

**ii) He Recalled God's Unfailing Faithfulness** – v5b  
“...steadfast love – (ESV)” Or mercy, unfailing love, – v5a (Implied thought) c.f. Lam. 3v23 “great is thy faithfulness ( Ps. 57v10 & 108v4) PS> Rom. 3v4 (let God be true, and man, a liar) (Ps. 25v10, 26v3, 36v5, 40v1 – 11; 85v10; 86v15; 115v1; Prov. 16v6

Concerning David, God said: II Sam. 7v15 “. C.f. Ps. 89v24, 28,33

Concerning David's Posterity: Isa. 55v3 “...according to the faithful mercies shown to David”

**iii) He Reaffirmed/Reasserted God's Unbounded Joy Of Salvation & His Sufficiency** “My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.” – v5b c.f. Romans 8v35–39 – READ:

**iv) He Resolved To Take Ease, In God's Manifold Generosity/Kindness/Grace**  
“I will sing to the LORD, because He had dealt bountifully with me”-v6 c.f. 2 Samuel 7v8-9, & 15 – 16 (NASB)

**CONC/APP:**

1. Relate To God by Conviction/ Confident Assurance & NOT just by feelings (v1 – 2)
2. Be real with yourself; Before God As His Child – (1 – 4)
3. Always: remind yourself Of God's faithful promises – (5 – 6)
4. Always: Ascribe glory to God, b/c of His gracious dealings with us – 6b **Amen.**