



**Psalm 130**

***TIMELESS TRUTHS***

**Hope**   
**Church** A passion for life

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## Understanding Psalms 120-134

- “Songs of Ascents” – sung “going up” to Jerusalem
- A pilgrim progression in 15 stages
  - Psalm 120 : cry out in distress from exile
  - Psalm 134 : evening service in Temple



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GROUP	THEME	1	2	3
1	Dealing with distress	Ps 120	Ps 121	Ps 122
2	Mercy and justice	Ps 123	Ps 124	Ps 125
3	Home sweet home	Ps 126	Ps 127	Ps 128
4	Surviving difficulty	Ps 129	Ps 130	Ps 131
5	Being blessed	Ps 132	Ps 133	Ps 134

1 = Where we are now (trouble)  
 2 = God's intervention (trust)  
 3 = Our destination (triumph)

## Psalm 130 “A tiny gospel”

- Samuel Cox (1826-93) “*Announcing the truths which people in every age need to know*”
- Starts **where we often are**;  
ends **where we need to be**
- From **difficulty** to **hope**



$$8 = 4 \times 2$$

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## 1. Our petition (verses 1-2)

“Out of the **depths...**”

“...**I cry to you** Lord.

Lord hear my voice,

let your ears be attentive...”

“...to my cry for **mercy.**”

*What do we deserve to hear from God in response?*

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## 2. Our problem (verses 3-4)

**Sin separates** us from God

(PS: God **does** keep a record, Revelation 20:12-13)

Fortunately for us, **God forgives**

So **we can stand** before him

*This affects everyone (1 John 1:8-10)*

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## 3. Our position (verses 5-6)

Now **we wait**...

...and keep on waiting...

...then wait some more...

*Waiting is good for us (Isaiah 40:30-31)*

While waiting, we can **trust God's promises**

Wait with **certain expectation**

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## 4. Our prospect (verses 7-8)

“**Put** your hope in the Lord”

He has “**unfailing love** and **full redemption**”

“**He himself**” will rescue us

This is our journey,

*from **difficulty** to **hope** through **relationship***

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## “So what?” x 2

- Petition: Cry out to **God** for mercy
- Problem: Recognise that sin is a barrier, but **God** forgives
- Position: Wait expectantly for **God**, trusting in his word
- Prospect: Put your hope in **God** himself for rescue

**“The tiny gospel” is for everyone**

*For anyone experiencing difficulty who knows  
they need God to rescue them*

**This means you!** (and me)

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