



# DISCIPLE

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**Course:** A Survey of the Bible: Genesis to Revelation

**Lesson:** 21\_6f PSALMS (UPDATED)

**Passage:** Psalms 130

## Penitential Psalms

- Psalm 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143
- “penitence” - “feeling or showing sorrow and regret for have done wrong; repentance of sins”.

## Blessed Are the Forgiven (Psalm 32:1-2)

- ★ “Blessed” is in the plural - this person is **abundantly** blessed by God.
- ★ God’s **readiness** to forgive.

## What Is Repentance?

- ONLY those who continually REPENT of their sins go to heaven. (Luke 13:1-5)
- Repentance is EMPHASIZED in the Gospel of the New Testament.
- Repentance is a forsaking sin (lawlessness) and turning to obedience (lawfulness) to the **written** Word of God. Anything less is NOT REPENTANCE.

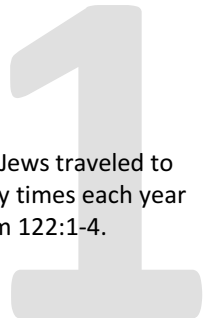
## Have Mercy Upon Me, O God . . . Blot Out My Transgressions

(Psalm 51:1)

## Songs of Ascent

(Psalms 120-134)

**Songs of Ascent:** Sometimes called *Pilgrim Songs*. As the Jews traveled to Jerusalem (situated on a high hill) for the three mandatory times each year they would sing these hymns as they ascended. See Psalm 122:1-4.



## (Deuteronomy 16:1-16) Three Mandatory Time/Feasts:

- ① Feast of Unleavened Bread (including Passover)
- ② Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)
- ③ Feast of Tabernacles (including Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles)

## Themes of the Songs of Ascent

- Psalm 120 - God's presence during distress
- Psalm 121 - Joyful praise to the LORD
- Psalm 122 - Prayer for Jerusalem
- Psalm 123 - Patience for God's mercy
- Psalm 124 - Help comes from the LORD
- Psalm 125 - Prayer for God's blessing upon His people
- Psalm 126 - The LORD has done great things
- Psalm 127 - God's blessing on man's efforts
- Psalm 128 - Joy for those who follow God's ways
- Psalm 129 - A cry for help to the LORD
- Psalm 130 - A prayer of repentance
- Psalm 131 - Surrender as a child to the LORD
- Psalm 132 - God's sovereign plan for His people
- Psalm 133 - Praise of brotherly fellowship and unity
- Psalm 134 - Praise to God in His temple

**Authors:** David (122, 124, 131, 133); Solomon (127); anonymous (remaining ten)

## Songs of Ascent Are FOR US!

- Christians ARE TO **USE** THESE PSALMS since they were written down for our learning! (Romans 15:4)
- ALL true Christians are pilgrims/strangers in this world (Hebrews 11:13-16; 1 Peter 2:11; Psalm 119:19)
  - Heaven is our HOME. (Philippians 3:20-21)
  - Heaven is where our Father is.
  - Heaven is where Christ went to prepare a place for His brethren/ Bride. (John 14:1-3)
  - As we journey through this time our desire is to **dwelling** with our Father.
- As the Jews of old *pressed on* in their UPWARD journey to the house of God, today saints are to continually press UPWARD and FORWARD. Read Philippians 3:12-14 unto the "city built by God" (Hebrews 11:9-10.)

# Psalm 130 - A Prayer of Repentance

## QUESTION: DO YOU FEAR GOD?

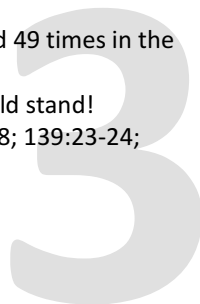
**A Summary:** This psalm emphasizes what God does for helpless people who cry out to Him for *mercy*. It is one of the penitential psalms and one of the ascent psalms. Perhaps, Jewish pilgrims on their way to the Temple for one of God's feasts used to this psalm to prepare to approach God.

### “Out of the Depths I Have Cried to YOU” (vv.1-2)

- Illustration: One drowning or sinking unable to save himself.
- What are the depths?
  - The depths of distress
  - The depths of despair
  - The depths of disappointment
  - The depths of confusion
  - The depth of sorrow
  - The depth of sin
- “I cried unto You” - the psalmists use this verb “to cry” 50 times.
  - An intense calling out to the LORD for help.
  - NOTE: The psalmist cries out to “THE LORD” - His God, the GOD that he is in covenant with. The disciples can “cry out” to God because of God’s covenant!
  - NOTE: “O Lord” - *Adonai* - Ruler, Owner, Master, Lord
  - The disciple acknowledges his place! - **a servant.**
  - ★ Though “in the depths” the psalmist/disciple remembers the prayer of Solomon. (2 Chronicles 6:12-42; 7:11)
- ★ Who Does God “See” and “Hear”?
  - Those who FEAR HIM. (Psalm 147:11; 34:15-20;)
  - The righteous. (Psalm 34:15-20)

### “IF You, LORD, Should Mark Iniquities” (v. 3)

- “LORD” different from verse 1. Here it is “JAH” used 49 times in the OT. See Isaiah 26:4.
- If JAH was to judge with strict justice - NO MAN could stand!
- “mark” - “to observe and keep a record” (Psalm 90:8; 139:23-24; Jeremiah 2:22; 16:17; Ezekiel 11:5)



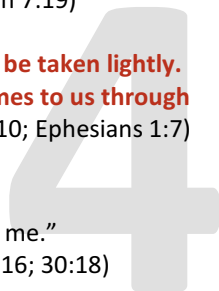
- Though each of us will be judged *by our works* - **not our word**, God has demonstrated over and over His mercy on those who:
  - ★ READ Psalm 103:8-10
  - ★ God bestows His mercy on those who:
    - ① (v. 11) Fear Him
    - ② (vv. 12-13) Fear Him.
    - ③ (v. 17) Fear Him.
    - ④ (v. 18) Obey His commandments.

### “BUT” (v. 4)

- **THERE IS FORGIVENESS WITH YOU!** Those who know that they are sinners and it loathes them that they have displeased God are in AWE to this fact and are thankful **every day!**
- ★ (Psalm 25:11) “For Your name sake, pardon my iniquity, for it is great.” REMEMBER: Isaiah 43:25.
- ★ (Psalm 86:5) “For You, **Lord**, are good and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who **call** upon You.” - REMEMBER the “IF” in 1 John 1:8-9.
- ★ (Isaiah 55:7) “Let the wicked **forsake** his way . . . let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him . . . For He will abundantly **pardon**.” REMEMBER Psalm 103:11 – **PROVERBS 28:13**.
- Keep in mind Psalm 32:2 - “in whose spirit there is no deceit (guile).”
- ★ **See Exodus 34:6-7; Deuteronomy 5:10; Daniel 9:4**
- ★ “that You may be feared.” Those who continually receive the forgiveness of the LORD fear, highly respect Him. (Psalm 2:11-12; 1 Kings 8:39-40; Jeremiah 33:8-9; **Acts 9:31; Hebrews 12:28**)
- When an angel proclaims the Gospel “FEAR GOD” are his first words.
- What has God done with His people’s sins?
  - ① He casts them behind His back. (Isaiah 38:17)
  - ② He blots our sins out. (Isaiah 43:25; 44:22)
  - ③ He carries them away as far as the east is from the west. (Psalm 103:11-12)
  - ④ He casts them in the **depth** of the sea. (Micah 7:19)
  - ⑤ He forgets. (Isaiah 43:25)
- **BUT forgiveness is not a blessing (Psalm 32:1) to be taken lightly. We must remember that forgiveness only comes to us through God, Himself, crucifying His Son.** (Isaiah 53:6, 10; Ephesians 1:7)

### “I Will Wait for the LORD” (vv. 5-6)

- (Psalm 40:1) “I waited on the LORD and He heard me.”
- (Psalm 33:20; 27:14; Psalm 62:5; Isaiah 40:31; 28:16; 30:18)



★ (v. 5) “And in His Word I do hope.”

- **We wait by reading, meditating, memorizing, and studying the Word of God.**
- **Waiting is a discipline.** Waiting is easier when we are *abiding* in His Word.

### **“Abundant Redemption”** (vv. 7-8)

- “abundant redemption” - Forgiveness is not FREE. But God’s redemption is abundant because it comes through the *infinite worth* of the precious blood of Christ.
- **“HE” is emphatic! HE ALONE!**
- The cost of ONE SOUL is COSTLY - Psalm 49:8 - ONLY GOD can redeem our souls! (Psalm 49:) - **“BUT GOD will redeem my soul.”**
- **“ALL INIQUITIES”!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

## **Do You Fear God?**

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