

A Crisis of "Hesed"

Psalm 13

Introduction: *A Realistic Look at Life*

- Candor about Suffering
- Gratitude about Hope

HONESTY

HOW LONG, O LORD? (1-2)

- You
- Me
- They

PRAYER

CONSIDER AND ANSWER ME, O LORD, MY GOD. (3-4)

- Request
- Reason

TRUST

BUT I HAVE TRUSTED IN YOUR LOYAL LOVE {Hesed}. (5)

- Remember
- Rejoice

PRAISE

I WILL SING TO THE LORD! (6)

- Response
- Vow

In times of dangerous opposition
when God seems to have abandoned his people,
believers must press their appeal more urgently
and prayer with confidence
because of God's loyal love.

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Prayer for Help in Trouble

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

1-2

How long, O Lord? Will You forget me forever?
How long will You hide Your face from me?

How long shall I take counsel in my soul,
Having sorrow in my heart all the day?
How long will my enemy be exalted over me?

3-4

Consider *and* answer me, O Lord my God;
Enlighten my eyes, or I will sleep the *sleep of* death,

And my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"
And my adversaries will rejoice when I am shaken.

5

But I have trusted in Your lovingkindness;
My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

6

I will sing to the Lord,
Because He has dealt bountifully with me.

A PERSONAL LAMENT

Introduction

- Address
- Cry for Help
- Report of the Past

Complaint

- They
- I/We
- You

Confession of Trust

- (Descriptive Praise - What He is like)
- (Declarative Praise - What He has Done)

Prayer

- Hear
- Save
- Punish
 - Because...

Vow of Praise

- Answered -
- Anticipated -