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Psalm 130

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There is uncertainty regarding the author, time, or circumstances of these Psalms, but it is apparent [Psalms 120-134](#) work together, and are called the "Songs of Degrees," and sometimes "Songs of Ascension."

Psalm 130 **Are We "In" Too Deep?**

Verses 1-2 give a personal appeal to God;
Verses 3-4 give a personal trust in God;
Verses 5-6 give a personal patience in God;
Verses 7-8 give a national call upon God.

Verses 1-2: (Verse 1) From deep places come the greatest devotions. Some people must plumb the depths of sin before they become alarmed at their condition, and repent. No one can be so deep in sin but that their cry to the LORD cannot be heard. "The spirit of a man *is* the lamp of the LORD, Searching all the inner depths of his heart" ([Proverbs 20:27](#)). Some MAY be so committed to sin that THEY REFUSE to cry out for help from the LORD ([Ephesians 4:17-20](#))!
(Verse 2) The change from "LORD" (Jehovah) to "Lord" (Authority) sets the tone to approach Him with "supplication" (request), and not commands! The Jewish request, "From my mouth to God's ears" is expressed in this verse.

Verses 3-4: (Verse 3) God's "data bank" is greater than any Government ever envisioned, for every thought ([Hebrews 4:12](#)), sight ([Matthew 5:28](#)), word ([Matthew 12:37](#)), and deed ([2 Corinthians 5:10](#)), is recorded by God – in the other book compared with "the book of life" ([Revelation 20:12](#)).
(Verse 4) If it was not for God's promise to forgive sin, no one would survive! This forgiveness is only offered through Jesus Christ ([Acts 5:30-31](#)), and only given to those who obey Him ([Matthew 7:21-27](#); [Mark 16:15-16](#)).

Verses 5-6: The hopeful expectation of morning light illustrates the soul's "hope." It is because of God's laws that we hope for each morning, and it is in God's Word that a soul "hopes" to find a new day of salvation.

Verses 7-8: (Verse 7) The Nation of Israel, individually, should turn back to God in "hope" (anticipation) of receiving His "mercy" and "abundant redemption" (ransom required to be re-possessioned).
(Verse 8) The absolute promise of God is that "He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities."



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Thought: That this was true for those living under Moses' Law, now that Jesus' Law is in force, His blood has purchased the church of Christ ([Acts 20:28](#)) and God adds those saved by the Gospel to His church ([Acts 2:38, 41, 47](#)).

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