

PSALM 13

"This Psalm cannot be referred to any specific event or period in David's life. It was, doubtless, more than once the language of this much-tried man of God, and is intended to express the feelings of the people of God in those ever-returning trials which beset them. If the reader has never yet found occasion to use the language of this brief Psalm, he will do so before long, if he be a man after the Lord's own heart."

[The Treasury of David]

- I. The _____ question: "How Long?" Vs 1-2
 - A. This phrase is used 4 times in this short Psalm, and shows the anxiety found in the mind of the Psalmist.
 - B. This anxiety can quickly lead to frustration and discouragement if not dealt with quickly and Biblically.
 - C. "How long?"
 1. How long will you _____ me, forever? Vs 1a
 2. How long will you _____ your face from me? Vs 1b
 3. How long will I have to struggle with this daily dose of _____ in my heart? Vs 2a
 4. How long will I have to deal with attack from my enemies? Vs 2b
- II. The prayer of _____ Vs 3-4
 - A. A cry for help to the only source of help and hope Vs 3
 1. Knowing the _____ God, David asks that his prayer be heard
 2. In this request, David _____ his belief in God
 3. David asks God to _____ the darkness that skews his outlook on life
 - B. A plea against his enemies Vs 4
- III. The _____ of hope Vs 5-6
 - A. His _____ in the past-trusting in God Vs 5a
 - B. His past confidence ministers to his _____ need Vs 5b
 - C. His plan for deliverance and praise to God for it Vs 6
 1. _____ - "I will sing praise to the LORD"
 2. _____ - "Because He has dealt bountifully with me"
 - a. Realizing the _____ of God
 - b. Thankful for the _____ of God