



Where Are you God (Psalm 13)

Act 1: Laments - Where Are You God? (13:1-2)

1st Lament: Have you Forgotten Me? (1a)

2nd Lament: Are You Hiding From Me? (1b)

3rd Lament: Do I Need to Take Care of Myself? (2a)

4th Lament: Why Are My Enemies Exalted over Me? (2b)

Act 2: Request - Answer Me God! (13:3-4)

1st Request: Move Quickly! (13:3a)

2nd Request: Provide physical strength and moral energy! (13:3b)

3rd Request: Help me Before I die! (13:3c)

4th Request: Move or my enemies will rejoice over my demise and instability! (13:4)

Act 3: Confident Anticipation - My Declarations . . . (13:5-6)

1st Declaration: I Trust You! (13:5a)

2nd Declaration: I Joyfully Anticipate My Salvation (13:5b)

3rd Declaration: I Will Worship (13:6)

How long, O Lord?
Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide
your face from me?
² How long must I take
counsel in my soul
and have sorrow
in my heart all the day?
How long shall my enemy
be exalted over me?
³ Consider and answer me,
O Lord my God;
light up my eyes,
lest I sleep the sleep of death,
⁴ lest my enemy say,
"I have prevailed over him,"
lest my foes rejoice
because I am shaken.
⁵ But I have trusted
in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice
in your salvation.
⁶ I will sing to the Lord,
because he has dealt
bountifully with me.

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Discussion Questions:

1. Which of the four laments do you relate to the most right now? Discuss.
2. Which of the four requests have you shared with God at some time in your life? When did you do it, and how did things turn out? Discuss.
3. Which of David's declarations do you struggle with: 1) Trusting God, 2) Anticipating that God will move, or 3) Worshiping God in every circumstance? Why?
4. Do you have a friend that needs to hear that God has not forgotten them? This week spend some time with a friend who is in a season of lament and share the truths of this encouraging Psalm with them.