

The Depths of God's Grace and Forgiveness

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Scripture: Psalm 130

- Introduction
 - How hot was it? (earlier this week)
 - Change
 - Malachi 3:6, "I the Lord do not change."
 - Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."
 - Snorkeling
 - How deep is your love for God? How deep is God's love for you?
- Psalm 130:1, *"Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; 2 O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. 3 If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? 4 But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. 5 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. 6 My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. 7 O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. 8 He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins."*
- OUT OF THE DEPTHS
 - Songs that move us deeply
 - I Lift My Hands, by Chris Tomlin
 - Be still, there is a healer, His love is deeper than the sea
His mercy, it is unfailing, His arms are a fortress for the weak

 - Let faith arise, Let faith arise
I lift my hands to believe again, You are my refuge, You are my strength
As I pour out my heart, these things I remember, You are faithful, God, forever

 - Be still, there is a river, That flows from Calvary's tree
A fountain for the thirsty, Pure grace that washes over me

 - So let faith arise, Let faith arise, Open my eyes, Open my eyes
I lift my hands to believe again, You are my refuge, You are my strength
As I pour out my heart, these things I remember, You are faithful, God
You are faithful, God, forever

- Psalm 130:2, "Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. 3 If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? 4 But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared."
- FORGIVENESS
 - "Gambling, robbery, sexual immorality, and violence is prevalent. Half of all children are born out of wedlock; purity and fidelity to the marriage vow are sneered out of fashion. Corruption in politics is rampant. The world is broken." 1694 NY
 - Luke 24:34, "Father, **forgive them**; for they do not know what they are doing.
 - Psalm 51:4, "Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight
 - 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
 - Psalm 130:5, "I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. 6 My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning."
- HOPE
 - Watchmen
 - Hebrews 6:19, "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure..."
 - Psalm 130:7, "O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. 8 He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins."
- REDEMPTION
 - Jesus is our Redeemer
 - Ephesians 1:4, "For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will-- 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. 7 In him we have **redemption** through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace 8 that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. 9 And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, 10 to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment--to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ."
 - Out of the depths is a call for God's grace. It is full of forgiveness, full of hope, and full of redemption.