

WAIT FOR THE LORD

PSALM 130

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Main idea:

I. Let us wait with _____ for the
Lord's _____ (vv. 1-2)

II. Let us wait with _____ of the
Lord's _____ (vv. 3-4)

III. Let us wait with _____ in the Lord's
_____ (vv. 5-6)

IV. Let us wait with _____ in the Lord's
_____ (vv. 7-8)

Psalm 130

A Song of Ascents. ¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!
² O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? ⁴ But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. ⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; ⁶ my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. ⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. ⁸ And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are for further study and application of today's text of Scripture. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. One of the best ways to grow as a disciple is by discussing these types of questions in a small group. Find a small group here: gracebiblecw.com/lifegroup or ask someone next to you if you can join their group!

1. In what areas of my life am I currently in the “depths,” and am I honestly crying out to God—or trying to manage them on my own?
2. Do I truly believe God hears my prayers in seasons of darkness, and how does that belief shape the way I pray during Advent?
3. What sins or failures am I tempted to hide or minimize as Advent calls me to self-examination and repentance?
4. How does God's promise of forgiveness free me to approach Him with reverent worship during this season?
5. What does waiting on the Lord look like practically in my life right now, especially in a culture of instant answers and quick fixes?
6. Am I anchoring my Advent hope more in circumstances and outcomes—or in God's Word and promises?
7. What am I eagerly watching for this Advent: relief, change, success—or the presence and work of Christ?
8. How can my personal hope in God become a testimony that points others to Christ during Advent?
9. How does remembering God's steadfast love shape the way I love others as I prepare to celebrate Christ's coming?
10. How does Psalm 130 deepen my understanding of Advent as not just remembering Christ's first coming, but longing for His final redemption?