

DAY 38

PSALM 130 – “THE LORD OF MERCY & HOPE!”

As a parent of three teenagers today, and by just looking at what is happening around the world today & at what is happening in this very nation and city we live in, & at the weakness of our own heart, one cannot help but be bothered and have some apprehensions as to what future holds for our children. It is very easy to lose hope nowadays. Praise the Lord that we are in the Lord and in His Word we find hope and peace that this world could not give. Our psalm today is a psalm of hope. It encourages believers then and now to put their hope in their merciful and loving God.

1) The Lord is a God of MERCY!

The psalmist recognized the Lord as a merciful God as he cried out to Him for help and mercy. Perhaps, he has committed a very serious sin that placed him in a very serious situation that only the Lord can fix and give remedy. I see this because he noted the Lord's grace of forgiveness for those who fear Him and call on Him for mercy & forgiveness.

2) The Lord is a God of HOPE!

The Lord is not only a God of mercy but also of hope! The psalmist declares that his hope is in the Lord his God and he exhorts also his hearers, then and now, to put their hope in the Lord for the following reasons. First is because the Lord's love is unfailing. The Lord is a faithful God. He will do what He says He will do. He will fulfill His every promise. Second is because the Lord is our Redeemer. The psalmist predicted or prophesied that the Lord will fully redeem His people from all their sins. This was fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ when He came and died on the Cross to pay the penalty of our sins by His Blood (John 3:16; Gal. 3:13-15).

Points to Ponder:

1) The Lord our God is MERCIFUL & FORGIVING God! He is our true HOPE & REDEMPTION in this life! He is the RANSOM, THE ATONING SACRIFICE for our sins! Therefore, let us come to Him & call upon His Name for mercy and forgiveness. Let us put our HOPE in Him for He is our LOVING GOD who gave us JESUS CHRIST to be our Savior & Lord!

Prayer:

"Our heavenly Father, You are indeed a MERCIFUL, FORGIVING & LOVING God! You gave us HOPE and that HOPE is in the LORD JESUS CHRIST who redeemed & ransomed us from our sins & hell by His death on the Cross. Lord, Your love is indeed awesome & amazing! You are worthy of our praise, our worship, & our service. We will put our hope in You alone. In Jesus' Name, AMEN!"