

**PSALM 129-130 – They Have Afflicted Me from My Youth! My Soul Waits for the Lord!**

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***Psa 129:3 The plowers plowed on my back; They made their furrows long."***

***(Isa 50:6a) I gave My back to those who struck Me.***

***Psa 130:3 If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?***

**ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED? (AT THE CROSS)** Isaac Watt 1707 Grace Comm. (3:51)

1 Alas! and did my Savior bleed and did my Sovereign die!

Would He devote that sacred head for such a worm such as I?

Refrain: At the cross, at the cross Where I first saw the light, And the burden of my heart  
rolled away, It was there by faith I received my sight, And now I am happy all the day!

2 Was it for crimes that I have done, He groaned upon the tree?

Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree! (refrain)

3 Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut His glories in,  
when Christ, the Mighty Maker, died for man the creature's sin. (refrain)

4 But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe.

Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'tis all that I can do. (refrain)

***They Have Afflicted Me from My Youth***

***Psa 129:1 A Song of Ascents. "Many a time they have afflicted me from my youth," Let Israel now say—***

***Psa 129:2 "Many a time they have afflicted me from my youth; Yet they have not prevailed against me.***

- *Many a time!* This Psalm deals now with the afflictions that they have gone through. "Many a time, I've gone through. I have experienced affliction.
- Paul said, (2Co 4:8-9) *We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; [9] persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—I am cast down, but I am not destroyed. They have not prevailed against me.* Yes, they have set their snares and I have been afflicted but *they have not prevailed.* Jesus said, (Mat 16:18) *And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.*

***Psa 129:3 The plowers plowed on my back; They made their furrows long."***

- This could be a reference to the slavery especially in Egypt. When their taskmasters would lay across their back the whip and it would leave these long welts like a furrow that has been plowed across the back The long welt as the result of the whip laid on the back.
- The words predicted here were most expressly realized when the Lord Jesus Christ was in His suffering state, during His passion! (Isa 50:6) *I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.*

***Psa 129:4 The LORD is righteous; He has cut in pieces the cords of the wicked.***

***(Zec 12:3) And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.***

- Those cords of the wicked wherein they held me, wherein I was bound. The Lord has cut them. He has set me free.

***Psa 129:5 Let all those who hate Zion Be put to shame and turned back.***

- Study a chapter from the "Book of Martyrs," and see if you do not feel inclined to read an imprecatory Psalm over Bishop Bonner and Bloody Mary. It may be that some wretched nineteenth century sentimentalist will blame you. If so, read another over him.

***Psa 129:6 Let them be as the grass on the housetops, Which withers before it grows up,***

- In Israel they have flat roofs and many times they cover the roofs with dirt as waterproofing. With the dirt on the roofs, seeds get blown in the wind and so you have weeds growing on the roof of your house. The weeds though that grow on the roof of the house, the grass that grows there burns up quickly in the late spring, early summer when it starts getting hot. It just withers and dies quickly.
- In those days, they would bind the wheat, the hay and all in sheaves and they would store them in sheaves. We do it in bales today. Bales of hay They would bind it up into a sheave and they would store these sheaves as the fodder for the cattle during the winter months. "Those that hate Zion, the wicked, let them be as grass upon the housetop which withers before it really grows up, withers quickly and dies."

***Psa 129:7 With which the reaper does not fill his hand, Nor he who binds sheaves, his arms.***

- In other words, it never gets big enough to mow. It never is able to be harvested.

***Psa 129:8 Neither let those who pass by them say, "The blessing of the LORD be upon you; We bless you in the name of the LORD!"***

- This was a very familiar phrase during harvest time. When you had passed by a field and the people would be out there harvesting the field, the familiar phrase as you see them harvesting you say, The blessing of the Lord upon you. The Lord be with you. It was just a typical greeting. Even to the present day, typical, as you see the man harvesting his field, you will see his friends walking by and he is out there harvesting they will say, The blessing of the Lord upon you! He will say, I bless you in the name of the Lord.
- You remember in the story of Ruth, chapter two, verse six, when Boaz came out to the field and his harvesters were there. He said, I bless you in the name of the Lord. They said, The Lord bless thee. They would usually say, The Lord bless thee and thy seed, but he did not have any children. It is just typical as you are enjoying the fruit of harvest to recognize that God has blessed and to just pronounce the blessing of God upon the man as he harvests the fields.

### ***My Soul Waits for the Lord***

***Psa 130:1 A Song of Ascents. Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD;***

*(Lam 3:55) I called on Your name, O LORD, From the lowest pit. (Jon 2:3-4) For You cast me into the deep, Into the heart of the seas, And the floods surrounded me; All Your billows and Your waves passed over me. [4] Then I said, 'I have been cast out of Your sight; Yet I will look again toward Your holy temple.'*

- Psalm 130 is a cry of the psalmist who was going through some heavy, heavy trials.
- That is, out of the depths of my being, out of the depths of my soul. *I cried unto thee, O LORD!* I am sure that all of us can relate to this for there have been those times when we have been overwhelmed by the circumstances of our lives. Out of the depths of our being, out of the depths of our soul, our prayers have come. It is just we are so overwhelmed by the circumstances. We cry unto God.
- In my lowest state, how quickly and how often do I come to Him and cry out?

***Psa 130:2 Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive To the voice of my supplications.*** God, hear me, I am desperate!

***Psa 130:3 If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?***

*(Psa 143:2) Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, For in Your sight no one living is righteous. (Nah 1:6-7) Who can stand before His indignation? And who can endure the fierceness of His anger? His fury is poured out like fire, And the rocks are thrown down by Him. [7] The LORD is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble; And He knows those who trust in Him.*

- Usually when we are going through these heavy, heavy things in life, those really deep waters, somehow we always seem to feel that this is God's judgment on me. All of us have failed, all of us have come short of what God would have us to be. The Bible tells us that. None of us have attained or achieved all that God would have us to be or do. We are aware of our shortcomings. We are aware of our failures. Whenever these heavy, heavy trials come and our soul is just weighted down, the enemy takes advantage.

Yes, you see, because you did this, God is getting even with you.

- Thus, the psalmist says, “Lord, if You should mark iniquities, who could stand?” In other words, he recognized that it is not because of my iniquity. He recognized if God would lay it on us because we had failed, no one would come out. We would all be wiped out. Thus, recognizing in this situation that it is not really a punishment. That is so important that we not blame God or think that God is some way punishing us. It is so sad.
- The psalmist was wise enough to recognize that these deep, heavy experiences are not because of my failure and my iniquity because Lord, if You should mark iniquities, who would stand? None of us have a chance.

***Psa 130:4 But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared.***

- That we might stand in awe and wonder of You!

***Psa 130:5 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, And in His word I do hope.***

- Expecting Him to come to me in love, I quietly wait for His appearing. I wait upon Him in service and for Him in faith. For God I wait and Him only!
- Lord, I am waiting upon you and I am just hoping in Your word. The promises of the word. I am hanging on to that. Have you ever been at that place where you just hang on to the word of God? Lord, You said.
- In Genesis, Jacob has this heavy, heavy-duty experience. A big fight, and it is always disconcerting with relatives. So that night in the evening, his servants come back who had gone out to scout in front of them and they said, Your brother Esau is coming to meet you. He has two hundred armed men with him. Well now, that is not the way you go out to greet your brother in peace. And Jacob is in a quandary. The angry father-in-law behind him in a line he cannot go over, and the angry twin brother Esau coming to meet him. Jacob’s in this quandary of what to do.
- Oftentimes we find ourselves in the middle of a pressured situation. We do not know which way to turn Jacob waited on the Lord. In fact, he wrestled with the Lord all night. So, the psalmist speaks about the depths, crying to the Lord, waiting on the Lord. “My soul waits and in His word I do hope.”
- Now Jacob prayed and he said, Lord, you remember when I left here seventeen years ago? I made a deal with you. He was really overwhelmed with what God had done. But Lord, You said, You said, Return unto your home and I will deal well with you. I am coming home but Lord, Esau is on his way with two hundred men. But You told me, You said, and he is reminding the Lord of what He said.
- A lot of times when I pray I do that, too. I remind the Lord of His promises. Not that He needs it, but it helps me to remind the Lord that You said, Lord. *(Php 4:19) And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.* You said that Lord. It helps me to remind the Lord of what He said. So, I wait for the Lord. “My soul waits and in His word, in the promises do I hope.”

***Psa 130:6 My soul waits for the Lord More than those who watch for the morning—Yes, more than those who watch for the morning.***

- A night watchman’s job was a lonely kind of a vigil. Can you think of just all night long walking on a wall looking out into the darkness? I imagine that the hours just probably drag, and you cannot wait for the light of the morning, the dawn. All night long as you are walking that wall looking out in the darkness, you keep looking over towards the east to see if there is any dawn, any sign of the morning. “My soul waits for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning. Yes, I say, more than they that watch for the morning.” That waiting upon God. Sometimes it seems so long. It seems like God is not hearing me and it seems like I have been waiting so long for God to work.

***Psa 130:7 O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with the LORD there is mercy, And with Him is abundant redemption.***

- Therefore, put your hope in the LORD.

***Psa 130:8 And He shall redeem Israel From all his iniquities.***

- Lord, if You would mark iniquities, none of us would stand But You will redeem Israel from all their iniquities. The word Israel is a man of God or governed by God. The Lord redeems those who are governed by Him from all their iniquities.
- Isn’t that glorious? If God would mark iniquities, none of us would stand. But He is redeemed us from all our iniquities!

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***JESUS IS COMING SOON! EVEN SO COME*** - Hillsong (3:51)

All of creation All of the earth Make straight a highway A path for the Lord Jesus is coming soon  
Call back the sinner Wake up the saint Let every nation shout of Your fame Jesus is coming soon  
Like a bride waiting for her groom We'll be a Church ready for You Every heart longing for our King We sing  
"even so come" Lord Jesus, come Even so come Lord Jesus, come  
There will be justice, all will be new Your name forever, faithful and true Jesus is coming soon  
Oh, like a bride waiting for her groom We'll be a Church ready for You Every heart longing for our King  
We sing "even so come" Lord Jesus, come Even so come Lord Jesus, come  
So, we wait We wait for You God, we wait You're coming soon  
So, we wait We wait for You God, we wait You're coming soon  
Like a bride waiting for her groom We'll be at Church, ready for You Every heart longing for our King, we sing  
Like a bride waiting for her groom We'll be at Church, we'll be ready for You Every heart longing for our King,  
we sing "even so come" Lord Jesus, come  
Even so come Lord Jesus, come Even so come Lord Jesus, come

***PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH/PERSECUTED CHURCH; SCHOOLS; POLICE***

***OFFICERS/MILITARY; ISRAEL:***

***PRAY FOR OUR NATION'S LEADERS: PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA: PRAY FOR WORLD***

***LEADERS: - Pray for World Leaders, especially their salvation!***

**Prayer Request List: Eastern Africa -Uganda/Congo**

**Pastor Ed Cornwell – Departing Sept 1 for 1-2 months; Planning on moving there within the coming year.**

(1) CC KASEGA Senior pastor : Opech Francis and ass: Omusugu Christopher. Prayer request : - To reach out to the lost through radio preaching of the gospel. - projector for gospel - ministry truck to reach out to different places to carry on the gospel - God's provision to the elderly, widows, and orphans because we have many. - God's provision to the school of ministry/Discipleship class to resume again.

(2) CC NAZIGO. Pastor Ocho Augustine. Prayer request : Completion of the church building.

(3) CC NAMALUMBA. #Senior pr: Damba Richard and ass pr Isaac mugambi

-Prayer request : Completion of the church building loan in the bank.

(4) CC LWANYAMA. # Senior pr Charles Baliraine and ass Pr Simon Nabuti : Prayer request. - Piggery project to sustain the ministry - Encouragement to the weakening church members.

(5) CC BUDOODA. # Senior pr Charles Muwanguzi and ass pr Noah Byaruhanga. :

Prayer request. - Poverty is too much in members and leaders. - Shifting of the church building to the new location due to water table here.

(6) Cc KITEREDE.

# Senior pr Cosmas Konyo. :Prayer request. - Evangelism instruments; - Completion of their semi-permanent church building and seats.

(7) CC KISOZI. # Senior pr : kezekia : Prayer request. – Rent; -piggery project to buy church land.

(8) CC BUGIRI. # Senior pr : Papa Jofrey. : Prayer request : - Church construction ( iron sheets); - Evangelism instruments - Door to door evangelism.

In addition: pastor Oyet from AMURU UGANDA the new Calvary in far north of Uganda. Also, Pastor Hassan has a church in a SURROUNDING VILLAGE OF KAMPALA. Also, Pastor Faustin in the CONGOLESE REFUGEE CAMP IN UGANDA.

Aaron of CC KAJJANSI - 1. school of ministry , we need God's guidance, wisdom, and provision 2. Our extension of the church building God to provide so we can put a roof on the expansion part of the church be4 the wall becomes weak. 3. Aaron and Rebecca needs capital to restock their business so we can support our family and the church. 4. prayers for children who have been out of school for about 2 years now that they may not become spoiled and remain focused. 5. Our government to consider reopening of churches.