

GCFSM SUNDAY

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THE GOD WHO FORGIVES

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This is one of the shortest psalms in Scripture, but one of the most profound. Psalm 130 is one of the seven (7) penitential psalms, as well as an individual lament. This psalm is one of the songs of ascent usually used by pilgrims as they went up to Jerusalem to worship God in the temple. This reminds the pilgrims of who God is and who they are. In this psalm, we see an upward progression, coming from the deepest darkness of the soul, it then rises toward the highest peak of redemption and hope.

The name of the author is not specifically mentioned but his condition was clearly stated - he was in a deep and dark place with only his voice crying out for God's forgiveness and deliverance. The psalmist displayed his spiritual journey in an upward progression beginning from the pit of spiritual and emotional depression as he described his true condition and position (vv.1-2). He then acknowledges his low spiritual estate by asking an important question, "If the Lord marks iniquity,

who could stand?" (v.3), suggesting that if God will not choose to extend grace and forgiveness, he would not have a chance.

The author then turns, as if a lightbulb of hope, and directs the attention of the reader to God's character that outshines the deepest darkness of the soul. The truth that God forgives in verse 4 highlights man's greatest solution to his greatest dilemma, which is sin. The conjunction, "but", turns the whole story around from doom to hope, from punishment to redemption suggesting that in man's darkest season, God's character shines through.

The psalmist concluded the psalm by declaring hope that comes from God that could benefit not only him (as an individual) but hope that is made available to many (Israel).

May this sermon reach us from our deepest dungeon of sin and depression, and carry us into the sunlight of God's love, forgiveness, and redemption. ✱

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **HOPE AMIDST TRAUMA**
Equipping Ministry
May 20, 2023
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Russell Diwa
- **STAYING YOUTHFUL AND USEFUL**
Seasoned Citizens Anniversary
Edifying Ministry
May 20, 2023
9:00 AM - 12:00 NN
Speaker: Rev. Don Guico
- **SAVE LIVES, DONATE BLOOD**
Bloodletting activity in
partnership with NKT
May 21, 2023
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- **JOIN A GROWTH GROUP**
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