

## Reflection Questions

### Doctrine (What does this passage teach us):

How does the Davidic Covenant help us to rejoice in the midst of injustice?

### Reproof (What wrong thinking does this passage expose):

Is God required to answer us immediately?

### Correction (How does this passage fix wrong thinking):

Is it wrong for us to ask God “how long”?

### Instruction in Righteousness (How does this passage help us to continue):

What are some practical ways to remind ourselves of God’s faithfulness?

# Calvary Baptist Church

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Making Disciples for the Glory of God

### Order of Service

Call to Worship ~ Psalm 37:1-7

Song #94 ~ Still, My Soul, Be Still

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 5:1-33

Song #233 ~ Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-25

Prayer

Sermon ~ Psalms 13:1-6

Prayer

Lord’s Supper

Song #337 ~ My Heart is Filled With Thankfulness

Psalm 13:6

I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me.

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# Text: Psalm 13:1-6

**Theme:** When God delays justice, trust in Him.

**Introduction:** Waiting is something that we don't often do well. Specifically, we have a hard time waiting for God to bring justice on those who have wronged us. This Psalm helps us to trust in the Lord even when we are waiting for Him to act.

- I. When God delays justice, trust in Him (1-6).
  - A. How long must I wait (1-2)?
    1. All 4 questions begin the same way—how long? Although we don't know the specific trial David is going through, the last question sheds some light. His enemies have continued to be exalted over him. It appears as though David is seeking help from his enemies who are probably unjustly persecuting him.

**Application:** Perhaps you've felt bad about asking God to answer quickly. There's no need to feel guilty. These questions are fair questions. David even experienced grief and anxiety (2). We just need to remember that when God delays the answer, we need to be willing to wait on Him.
  - B. When God delays justice it seems the stakes couldn't be higher (3-4).
    1. If God does not hear David soon, he will certainly die (3). Perhaps this sounds like hyperbole to us, but for David, his life was hanging in the balance.

**Explanation:** David was asking God to consider his plight so that he would not die. Although we don't know which events David is referring to, he certainly experienced several times when his life was on the line because of his enemies.

2. If God does not hear David soon, his enemies will overcome him (4).

**Explanation:** David is concerned, not only with his well-being, but also God's name. If David is not rescued soon, his enemies would be able rejoice. Essentially, God would not have been faithful to David.

- C. Even though God delays in answering, trust in Him (5-6).
  1. There was no answer between verses 4 and 5, yet David trusted in God's faithfulness (5).

**Explanation:** What did David mean when he said he trusted in God's faithfulness? He was looking back to God's faithfulness in the past and found God to be trustworthy.

2. Even though he was waiting on God to answer, he was rejoicing (5).

**Explanation:** The only way someone can rejoice in the midst of injustice is by recognizing that the Lord will one day make all things right.

3. Rejoicing naturally results in singing (6). David was singing in the midst of the trials (cf. Acts 16:22-30) because he knew that God was looking after him.

**Application:** Perhaps it seems strange to you that anyone could sing praise to God in the midst of trials. This can only occur when you trust that God has been and will be faithful to His promises.

**Conclusion:** These Psalms were intended to be sung in order to teach God's people. We all face trials, and we all ask God the same question—how long? But until we learn to trust in His faithfulness, we will continue to struggle through the trial.