

Psalm 13 (NIV)

- ¹ How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
- ² How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?
How long will my enemy triumph over me?
- ³ Look on me and answer, LORD my God.
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,
- ⁴ and my enemy will say, “I have overcome him,”
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.
- ⁵ But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.
- ⁶ I will sing the LORD’s praise,
for he has been good to me

Psalm 13

- **Complaining** to God – v 1-2
- **Seeking** an answer **from** God v 3-4
- **Regaining** his trust **in** God v 5-6

Complaining to God (verse 1-2)

1. **How long**, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?
2. **How long** will you hide your face from me?
3. **How long** must I wrestle with my thoughts
and every day have sorrow in my heart?
4. **How long** will my enemy triumph over me?

Psalm 13: v1-2 NIV

Complaining to God (verse 1-2)

Psalm 13 v1-2 NLT

- O LORD, **how long** will you forget me? Forever?
- **How long** will you look the other way?
- **How long** must I struggle with anguish in my soul, with sorrow in my heart every day?
- **How long** will my enemy have the upper hand?

Psalm 13-1-2 MSG

- **Long enough**, God— you've ignored me long enough.
- I've looked at the back of your head **long enough**.
- **Long enough** I've carried this ton of trouble, lived with a stomach full of pain.
- **Long enough** my arrogant enemies have looked down their noses at me.

Complaining to God (verse 1-2)

How –Long? X 4

1. **How long**, O LORD?
Will you forget me forever?
2. **How long** will you hide your face
from me?
3. **How long** must I wrestle with my
thoughts
and every day have sorrow in my
heart?
4. **How long** will my enemy triumph
over me?

He's Dealing ... **Weariness**

- **Forgotten about ?**
- **Ignored?**
- **Anguish- Sorrow**
- **Taunted –**

Seeking an answer from God

(v 3-4)

3. Look on me and **answer,**
O LORD my God.
Give light to my eyes, or
I will sleep in death;

4. my enemy will say,
“I have overcome
him,” and my foes will
rejoice when I fall.

Seeking an answer from God

(v 3-4)

(Psalm 13 v 3-4 NLT)

3. Turn and **answer me**,
O LORD my God!
Restore the sparkle to my
eyes, or I will die.
4. Don't let my enemies
gloat, saying,
"We have defeated him!"
Don't let them rejoice at
my downfall

3. Please listen, LORD God,
and **answer** my
prayers. Make my eyes
sparkle again, or else I
will fall into the sleep of
death.
4. My enemies will
say, "Now we've won!"
They will be greatly
pleased when I am
defeated. (CEV)

The Sound Of Silence

- Fools, said I, you do not know
Silence like a cancer grows
Hear my words that I might teach you
Take my arms that I might reach you
But my words, like silent raindrops fell
And echoed in the wells of silence
- And the people bowed and prayed
To the neon god they made
And the sign flashed out its warning
In the words that it was forming
And the sign said, the words of the prophets are written on the subway
walls
And tenement halls
And whispered in the sounds of silence

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How Long

Overcoming How???

But I trust

- 1) How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever?
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- 3) Look on me and answer, LORD my God.
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,
- 4) and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

- ⁵ But I trust in your unfailing love;

my heart rejoices in your salvation
- ⁶ I will sing the LORD's praise,
for he has been good to me

I Sam 30:6 (KJ21)

- ⁶ And David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters; but David **encouraged himself** in the LORD his God.

Helping One's Self

- but David **encouraged himself** in the LORD his God.
- But David **strengthened himself** in the LORD his God.
- David strengthened himself **with trust** in his GOD. MSG

Regaining his trust in God v 5-6

Psalm 13-5-6 NIV

5. But I **trust** in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.
6. I will sing to the LORD,
for he has been good to me.

Psalm 13-5-6 The Message

- 5) **I've thrown myself headlong into your arms—**
 -
6. I'm celebrating your rescue.
 - I'm singing at the top of my lungs,
 - I'm so full of answered

Observations on Psalm 13

1. At no time during this psalm does God speak to David's crises
2. David too had to deal with Sound of Silence
3. David did not allow the sound of silence defeated Him?
4. How ?

David's Trust

- In spite of the silence **he choose** to trust
- Choosing to trust is **a choice**
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- **Trust** in what...?
In God's unfailing love

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