

There Is Forgiveness (Psalm 130, Genesis 3:8-15)

1. "OUT OF THE DEPTHS I CRY TO YOU, O LORD!"

- 'the depths' – Hebrew 'ma a maqqim'
- Psalm 69: 2 &14 – deep waters of physical, emotional and mental distress.
- Isaiah 51:10 – a hopeless situation.
- Ezekiel 27:34 – Tyre's prophesied destruction. Destroyed and forgotten.
- Psalm 130:2 "O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!"



2. THE PROBLEM OF SIN – "living hell" and "eternal hell"

- Ps 130:3 "If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?"*
In the depths because of his sins.
- God and sin don't mix. *Isaiah 59:2*
"your iniquities (sins) have made a separation between you and your God."
- God is holy and just, whose nature is always to punish sin.
Ezekiel 18:4 "The soul who sins shall die."

"Unbelievers will be judged, and the result will be punishment for even careless words that were spoken. Those who refuse God's gracious offer of forgiveness in Christ will suffer eternal conscious punishment in hell, a condition of torment cut off from the presence of God."

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- From the time Adam & Eve sinned against God, all of humanity has fallen into sin.
 - 1 John 1:8*
"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

3. FORGIVENESS – God’s Solution to sin

- Psalm 130:4 “But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.”
- God’s nature is ALWAYS to have Mercy.
 - John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

**God sent his son, they called him Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove
my Saviour lives.**



- How to obtain God’s forgiveness?
 1. Believe God exists (Hebrews 11:6)
 2. Confess that Jesus is Lord (Romans 10:9)
 3. Confess our sins (1 John 1:9)
 4. Forgive others (Matthew 6:14-15)

- Who do I need to forgive?
Who am I still angry with?
Do I still think about the wrong I suffered?
Who do I feel like kicking or punching?
With whom do I have to make peace?



- Forgiven, so that we may fear God.
“Reverence of God helps us take Him and His beneficial laws seriously” – unknown
Proverbs 14:27 “The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death.”

4. “CLEAN IT UP!”

- Psalm 130:4 “But with you there is forgiveness.”
- Only God can save us from sin – save us from the “living hell” and the “eternal hell”
- Psalm 130:7 “O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.”
- God is holy and just. His nature is ALWAYS hate sin and punish sin.
- God is steadfast love. His nature is ALWAYS to have mercy.
- God forgives us our sins, because he ALWAYS wants to be our Heavenly Father, to be worshipped and revered by his children.