

HOPE IN TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY

“How Long Must I Wait?”

PSALM 13

I Samuel 18:6-9:

⁶ When the victorious Israelite army was returning home after David had killed the Philistine, women from all the towns of Israel came out to meet King Saul. They sang and danced for joy with tambourines and cymbals. ⁷ This was their song:

*“Saul has killed his thousands,
and David his ten thousands!”*

⁸ This made Saul very angry. “What’s this?” he said. “They credit David with ten thousands and me with only thousands. Next they’ll be making him their king!” ⁹ So from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David.

Read Psalm 13 (on the screen)

I. THE PAIN: Expressing Feelings (vs. 1-2)

1. We feel Forgotten

Isaiah 49:16 – “I have inscribed you in the palms of My hands”.

2. We feel Forsaken

Hebrews 13:5, “For He Himself has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’”

3. We feel Frustrated

II. THE PRAYER: Pleas of the Psalmist (vs. 3-4)

1. Turn and answer me.

2. Restore the light to my eyes

3. Thwart the enemies' plans

III. THE PRAISE: Trust and Confidence (vs. 5-6)

1. A song of triumph

2. A song of thanksgiving

David Jeremiah, "You need to polish the monuments to the great victories in your life."