

Why Sinners Can Come to a Holy God

Psalm 130

July 12, 2020

I. Out of the Depths (V. 1-4)

A. Sinners do not approach God from a place of _____.

B. The only appropriate response of God to sin from an image-bearer is _____.

C. The only safe option for a broken image-bearer to enter into the presence of God is on the merits of _____ perfection.

1. Galatians 2:16

2. Colossians 2:13-14

D. The fear of the Lord flows from the combination of both our deep _____ for God's loving mercy and our deep _____ of our rebellious nature.

II. Into Redemption (V. 5-8)

A. Sinners have no _____ besides a forgiving God.

B. There is no sin too _____ for the cross (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Group Discussion

1. What are your initial takeaways from reading Psalm 130?
2. Has there ever been a time when you felt too messed up to go to church? What about verse 3 speaks to this?
3. Why do people so often prefer to live by their works and not by faith in Christ? What does verse 3 imply about going about our life this way?
4. Have you ever been in a church full of members who seemed to come to worship not out of the depths or with a felt need for mercy, but to show their good works? What do you think that does to a church?
5. Why did Jesus have to die on the cross in order for God to forgive us? Why couldn't God just forgive us and be done with it?
6. How does the forgiveness of God lead to the fear of God as stated in verse 4? Why would we fear someone who just forgave us?
7. Is waiting on the Lord and hoping in Him, like verse 5 says, concerning our sin easy to do? What other solutions do people frequently turn to?
8. How can sinners come into the church of a holy God?
9. How can you hope in God as you go about having gospel connections, conversations, and conversions?

Recommended Reading for Further Study:

Read Psalm 32, Colossians 2:6-23, Romans 5:1-11

Church Bible Reading Plan

This Week: Read Psalm 140-144

The Next Two Months: Memorize 139:7-12