

Message Series: Songs (Psalms) of Life

Today's Message

**“How Long to
Sing this Song?”**

Psalm 13



Psalm 13

How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

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?

Look on me and answer, LORD my God.

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,
and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"
and my foes will rejoice when I fall....

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

The Psalms are an honest
reflection of our human
experience!

Doubt, confession, confusion,
praise, joy, thanksgiving!

How Long, Lord?

It is okay to be honest, real, and
upfront with God about how we
are feeling and what we are
going through.



“I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.” Psalm 40

“How long to sing this song?”

U2 from Psalm 13



Eugene Peterson & Bono discuss the Psalms

Psalm 40:1

*“I waited patiently for the LORD;
he turned to me and heard my cry.” (NIV)*

*“I waited, and waited, and waited for God.
At last he looked; finally he listened.”
(The Message)*

“Sing to GOD a brand-new song.
He’s made a world of wonders!
He rolled up his sleeves, He set
things right. GOD made history
with salvation, He showed the
world what he could do.”

Psalm 98:1-2 (The Message)

“But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your
salvation.

I will sing the LORD’s praise,
for he has been good to me.”

Psalm 13:5-6 (NIV)

“Praise the LORD, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise
his holy name.

Praise the LORD, my soul,
and forget not all his
benefits.”

Psalm 103:1 (NIV)

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When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea-bellows, roll,-
And trouble like angry waves, doth vex my soul,
O Christ, my soul, it is well with my soul -

Though Satan should buffet, - though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,-
That Christ bathed in the blood of his only son,
And hath shed his own blood for my soul -

My sin - oh the bliss of this glorious thought! -
My sin, - not in part, but the whole, -
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, -
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, oh my soul -

My Lord, back to the bay when the faith shall be right, -
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, -
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, -
- A song in the night, oh my soul!
How thou wast, at the water, my Lord

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“But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing the Lord’s praise, for he has been good to me.”

Psalm 13:5-6

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16