

HOW LONG? HOW LONG? HOW LONG?

Introduction:

Psalm 13
"How Long?"
(David's Prayer)

Intro. - David wrote this Psalm when he was exhausted and depressed. His troubles with King Saul had gone on year after year and David was now dispirited and discouraged. The relentless aspect of his troubles had worn him out.
- He simply could not go on another day, another hour, not for another minute.

→ Most of us have been right there at some time or another. We have walked in David's shoes ourselves.

- long drawn out sickness
- financial problems
- wayward children
- alcoholic spouse
- unsaved loved one
- work situation
- unreasonable boss
- jealous co-worker
- etc.

1. SORROW (13: 1-2)

A. His Abandonment (13:1)

It seemed that God had:

1. Forgotten Him
2. Forsaken Him

B. His Abasement (13:2)

He has been brought low by:

1. His Feelings
2. His Foes

2. SUPPLICATION (13:3-4)

He tells the Lord he is:

- A. Overwhelmed by Emotions (13:3)
- B. Overwhelmed by Enemies (13:4)

3. SONG (18:5-6)

He is singing because of:

- A. God's Salvation (18:5)
- B. God's Sufficiency (18:6)