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## Out of the Depths

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TODAY'S READING: Psalm 130

It has been said the British pastor and theologian John Wesley once attended a church service at St. Paul's Cathedral in London in which Psalm 130 was sung. God used this Psalm to convict Wesley of sin and ultimately save him during this service.

Here are four truths we see in Psalm 130:

- 1. God has mercifully intervened to save us from drowning in sin (verses 1-2). The phrase "Out of the depths" indicates that the psalmist is drowning. The psalmist also acknowledges that he does not deserve God's help. By even crying out to God, we acknowledge that He is in control, not us.
- 2. We all stand guilty before God (verses 3-4). The psalmist shows us that forgiveness leads to obedience. If we truly understand how God has forgiven us and how Christ's righteousness is imputed to us, we will fear God. To fear the Lord means to live in obedience to Him and worship Him.
- 3. God's Word gives us hope (verses 5-6). Even though we are forgiven, we may find ourselves in the dark during difficult circumstances in life. God's Word gives us hope that although we cannot make the morning come faster, we are becoming more like Christ through our circumstances!
- 4. Through Christ, we are set free from slavery to sin (verses 7-8). God loves his children so much that He sent His Son to live a perfect life and die in our place. You and I deserve God's wrath but are saved from the consequences of our sin through Christ's atonement.

Charles Spurgeon once said, "In this Psalm, we hear of the pearl of redemption, verses 7 and 8: perhaps the sweet singer would never have found that precious thing had he not been cast into the depths. Pearls lie deep."

**PRAYER**: God, thank You for saving me when I was drowning in sin. You are in control of my life, and I do not deserve the mercy You show me. Thank You for giving me hope through Your Word.

TOMORROW'S READING: Psalm 138

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