

Psalms 13

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How Long, O Lord?

¹ How long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

² How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

³ Consider and hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;

⁴ Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; and those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

⁵ But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

⁶ I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

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God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Mercy — רַחֲמִים (Rachamim)

Compassion, mercy

The Hebrew **rachamim** (רַחֲמִים) derives from 'womb' (rechem), suggesting tender, maternal compassion. God's mercies are 'new every morning' (Lamentations 3:23), showing His compassionate nature.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יהוה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Salvation — יְשׁוּעָה (Yeshuah)

Salvation, deliverance

The Hebrew **yeshuah** (יְשׁוּעָה) means salvation or deliverance—rescue from danger or enemies. This is the root of 'Jesus' (Yeshua), meaning 'YHWH saves.'

CROSS REFERENCES

Psalms 13:1 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 44:24; 74:1; 85:5; Job 13:24; Lamentations 5:20.

References Lord: Psalms 6:3; 10:12; 35:17; 80:4; 89:46

Psalms 13:2 **Parallel theme:** Job 10:15; Proverbs 15:13; Ecclesiastes 5:17; Jeremiah 8:18; 15:18; Lamentations 1:5

Psalms 13:3

Light: Psalms 18:28; 1 Samuel 14:27; 14:29; Ezra 9:8. **References Lord:** Psalms 5:1; 9:13; Jeremiah 51:39. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 25:19; 31:7; 119:153

Psalms 13:4 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 25:2; 38:16; 62:6; Joshua 7:9; Proverbs 12:3; Jeremiah 1:19

Psalms 13:5 **Salvation:** Psalms 9:14; 119:81; Isaiah 12:2; Habakkuk 3:18. **Grace:** Psalms 33:18; 147:11; Jude 1:21. **Faith:** Psalms 32:10; 36:7; 52:8

Psalms 13:6 **Sin:** Psalms 21:13. **References Lord:** Psalms 116:7. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 119:7

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