

Sermon Notes



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“Teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ” (Acts 28:31)

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Recently I met a man from Pakistan and he said about twenty years ago he met an old Christian man and asked him questions about Christian faith. He used to ask question about Christian faith and most of the time he accepted that his motives were wrong but now things have changed. He is seriously seeking the Lord Jesus Christ. He said that old man had been praying for him to find faith in Christ. For all those years, he said him, “How long, O Lord, how long?” Psalm 13.

Four times in quick succession David cries out, ‘How long...?’ (vv.1–2). God had heard. At last, his prayers were answered.

There are periods when it appears that God has forgotten us (v.1a). It seems that he has hidden his face(v.1b). For some inexplicable reason we don’t sense his presence with us. Every day seems to be a struggle – wrestling with our thoughts (v.2a).Every day brings sorrow (v.2b). We seem to be losing the battle and the enemy seems to be triumphing over us (v.2c).

How should you respond in times like these?

Psalm 13:1-6

Keep Going: In today’s psalm we see four things that you should continue to do during difficult times:

Keep Praying: David continues to cry out

to God, ‘Look on me and answer, O Lord my God. Give light to my eyes’ (v.3). He pours out his heart to God. Don’t give up praying even when God seems far away.

Keep Trusting: ‘But I trust in your unfailing love’ (v.5a). ‘I’ve thrown myself headlong into your arms’ (v.5a). It is relatively easy to have faith when things are going well, but the test of faith is when things do not appear to be going well.

Keep Rejoicing: He does not rejoice in the trials, but in God’s salvation. He says, ‘my heart rejoices in your salvation’ (v.5b). ‘I’m celebrating your rescue’ (v.5b).

Keep Worshipping In spite of everything he has been through, David is able to see the goodness of God: ‘I will sing to the Lord, for he has been good to me’ (v.6). He remembers all that God has done for him.

As you begin to praise and worship God, it brings perspective to your problems. Sometimes, I find it helpful to look back on my life and thank the Lord for bringing me through so many of my own personal struggles, disappointments and bereavements, and to remember how, through it all, ‘he has been good to me’ (v.6).

Lord, I worship you today. Thank you for your goodness to me. For all the battles ahead, I trust in your unfailing love.

Future Dates to Remember

February 5-9th Prayer and Fasting

February 6th Local leaders lunch and prayer at Feltham EC

February 22nd FIEC London Leaders' Gathering 4-8pm, at Westminster Chapel

This Month's Speakers

February 4th Family worship and God willing Pastor Robin Asgher will be preaching and leading the service. After the service, we will have fellowship lunch on bring and share basis. A crèche is also available for toddlers during the second part of the service. Family prayer meeting.

February 11th God willing Pastor Robin Asgher will be preaching and leading the service. The service will be followed by the Lord's Supper.

February 18th God willing Pastor Robin Asgher will be preaching and leading the service. Sunday afternoon youth meeting 2pm-4pm.

February 25th God willing Rev Ron Holland will be preaching and leading the service.

Weekly Meetings

Sundays	Morning Service <i>We thank God that He is a faithful God. We do not take up an offering during the service. Our offering box is located at the back of the church.</i>	11:00am
Monday	Open-Air Preaching	Once a month
Mon & Tues	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting at Local Detention Centre	2 - 4pm
Wednesday	Prayer Meeting at Church Prayer Meeting at Local Detention Centre	10:00 - 11:00am and 8:00 - 9:00pm 12:00 - 3:00pm
Thursday	Pastor's Rest Day	
Friday	Klub 4 Kidz (Ages 4-10) Javan Group (Ages 11-up)	6:00 - 7:15pm 7:15 - 8:15pm

If you are interested in any of these meetings or would like further information, please contact Pastor **Robin Asgher 020 8754 1184**

Points for Prayer

We believe that the Scriptures call on churches as well as individual believers to pray fervently, reverently, humbly, sincerely, regularly and with faith (Luke 21 v 36 Watch therefore and pray always; James 5 v 16 The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much).

Please pray for a Nepali young man whom we met 7 years ago and now he is back with his wife and two kids. The younger girl 3 months old has some breathing problem. Please pray for the family as the join us on different occasions.

Please pray for as we are providing regular pray and Bible study on Monday's and Tuesday's at Heathrow Immigration Removal centre.

Please pray for Ian and Ann Day there moving date is Feb 16th and it was nice to see so many of their friends came for their farewell service. Please pray for their move.

We give thanks to the Lord for encouraging number of children attending Friday kids club. We have two new families one from Macedonia and Ethiopia who joined us. Please pray for our children and their salvation.

Missionary Interest

United Beach Mission:

Beach Missions are family outreach. Our activities are geared to the needs of children, parents, friends and onlookers. During the day we run lively programmes on the beach of games, quizzes, singing, competitions and tell Bible stories and teach Gospel truths. Specific family events are held in the evening. Beach events are geared around the family. As the

Gospel is shared publicly, it is a great thrill to see mums and dads wanting to know more. But the real value of a beach mission is in the one-to-one conversations that take place, when families begin to ask why we come on teams. Many families keep in touch with team members throughout the year. Please pray for the ministry of UBM.

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Genesis 3:15

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