

Message Notes for January 14, 2024

Message Series: Psalm 13—How Long, O Lord?

Message Title: When God Seems Silent in a Troubled Time

How things look...can be _____.

We often are changed when we begin to look at _____.

When we read the psalms we often find God's faithful people wondering why
God seems so _____ in their time of suffering.

Some things can't be fixed. Some things can only be _____.

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

Psalm 13 teaches us God gives us _____ to cry out,
"How long, Lord?"

When Psalm 13 was written, David was going through something that sometimes
is called "the _____ of the _____."

Relevant Question: Can you trust God in the struggles?

Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, Psalm 13:3 NIV

Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will give us later. For all creation is waiting patiently and hopefully for that future day when God will resurrect his children. For on that day thorns and thistles, sin, death, and decay—the things that overcame the world against its will at God’s command—will all disappear, and the world around us will share in the glorious freedom from sin which God’s children enjoy.

For we know that even the things of nature, like animals and plants, suffer in sickness and death as they await this great event. And even we Christians, although we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, also groan to be released from pain and suffering. We, too, wait anxiously for that day when God will give us our full rights as his children, including the new bodies he has promised us—bodies that will never be sick again and will never die.

We are saved by trusting. And trusting means looking forward to getting something we don’t yet have—for a man who already has something doesn’t need to hope and trust that he will get it. But if we must keep trusting God for something that hasn’t happened yet, it teaches us to wait patiently and confidently.

Romans 8:18-25 LIV

In Psalm 13, David shows us what it looks like to find _____
when there seems to be none.