



Missing God?

Psalm 13

Introduction

- This psalm, is a deeply moving picture of despair and trust, ...The fourfold repetition “how long” (vv. 1–2) emphasizes the intensity of emotions. The threefold prayer (“look ... answer ... give light,” v. 3) calms the psalmist down to the point where he concludes with a two-part song in the midst of darkness (vv. 5–6).

– VanGemeren, W. A. (1991). Psalms. In F. E. Gaebelin (Ed.), *The Expositor's Bible Commentary, Volume 5: Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs* (F. E. Gaebelin, Ed.) (139). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House.

Psalms 13:1-6 (HCSB)

¹ Lord, how long will You continually forget me? How long will You hide Your face from me? ² How long will I store up anxious concerns within me, agony in my mind every day? How long will my enemy dominate me?

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**³ Consider me and answer, Lord, my God. Restore brightness to my eyes; otherwise, I will sleep in death,
⁴ my enemy will say, “I have triumphed over him,” and my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.**

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⁵ But I have trusted in Your faithful love; my heart will rejoice in Your deliverance. ⁶ I will sing to the Lord because He has treated me generously.

1. Know God is Present, Continue On

5 But I have trusted in Your faithful love;

David is saying:

I won't let despair get the best of me.

**I will just assume you are with
me...watching over me...taking care of
me...leading me along the way.**

We live life assured that God is with us.

2. Hold On To What You Know is True

5 But I have trusted in Your faithful love;

Think of all the things you know to be true, and offer them up to God.

Then rely on:

- **The Person of God**
- **The Word of God**
- **The Message of God**
- **The Spirit of God**

3. Continue Singing Praise to God

6 I will sing to the Lord...

- **Praise is often an emotional experience. A time of joy and happiness.**
- **David teaches us we are to praise the Lord in all situations.**
- **We worship Him no matter how far away He feels or the circumstance we are in.**

God Missing?

NEVER

We do not always “see or hear” God, but He is not missing.

He has treated us generously.

Missing God?

God Found!

**But I trust in your unfailing love,
My heart rejoices in your
salvation.**

**I will sing to the Lord, for he has
been good to me.**