

There Is Forgiveness with the Lord  
(Psalm 130)

Introduction:

1. This morning we studied the Lord's example and His teaching concerning "forgiveness."
  - a. (Luke 23:34) Jesus asked the Father to forgive those who crucified Him.
  - b. (Luke 17:3-4) Jesus taught His followers to forgive each other.
2. This evening we are concentrating on the statement made in Psalm 130:4 -- "there is forgiveness with the Lord."
3. The forgiveness under consideration is "redemption from iniquities" [forgiveness of sins].
4. The first point we need to make is that . . .

Discussion:

I. MAN NEEDS FORGIVENESS

A. We need forgiveness because:

1. of sin (Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8, 10)
2. of the consequences of sin.
  - a. Sin causes separation from God (Isaiah 59:1-2).
  - b. The penalty for sin is death (Romans 6:23).

B. David emphasized our need for forgiveness by describing himself before and after he was forgiven (Psalm 32:1-5).

1. He first showed in vs.1-2 how a forgiven person is "blessed."
2. He showed in vs.3-4 that he had not always enjoyed this blessing.
3. He showed in vs.5 how he received God's forgiveness.

II. THE BLOOD OF CHRIST MAKES FORGIVENESS POSSIBLE

- A. Jesus shed His precious blood "for the remission [removal, forgiveness] of sins" (Matthew 26:27-28; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14).
- B. We receive "the remission of sins" when we repent and are baptized in the Lord's name (Acts 2:38; Colossians 2:12-13).
- C. The Lord's blood continues to provide forgiveness for His followers as we walk in the light and confess our sins (1 John 1:7, 9).

III. THE LORD'S FORGIVENESS IS SO SPECIAL THAT IT SHOULD MOTIVATE A PERSON TO SERVE HIM

- A. David illustrated this principle (Psalm 51:9-13).
- B. The sinful woman in Luke 7:36-50 loved Jesus because He forgave her of many sins.

Conclusion:

1. Let us appreciate the progression of thought in Psalm 130.
2. The writer began with a somber tone (vs.1).
3. He concluded with a message of hope (vs.7-8).
4. The difference is revealed in vs.4 -- "there is forgiveness with the Lord."
5. The Lord's forgiveness provides hope -- let us allow that hope to lead us to extend forgiveness to others.