

LORD, HEAR MY CRY FOR YOUR STEADFAST LOVE

Psalm 130:2 “O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!”

There are times in your life when you feel trapped, hog tied and bound by a specific sin. You recognize what you are doing is in disobedience of God. You want to stop committing this sin, but the harder you try the more frequently you do what you know to be wrong in God’s sight. You are engaged in a spiritual war with seemingly no way to win it.

Psalm 130 finds the Psalmist battling his own personal sin. The Psalm does not say what the sin or sins are but leaves no doubt that the Psalmist is in great agony over his sinful behavior. Concentrate on the words of verse 2 and try to visualize what is happening. “O Lord, hear my voice!” This verse begins in much the same way as many prayers. The Psalmist is addressing his heartfelt words to Yahweh.

Only when you near the end of this verse do you understand the intensity of the Psalmists prayer. “. . . be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!” One word in this phrase opens up the depth of the matter the Psalmist is bringing to God. It is the word “plea.” This word may only contain four letters but it is packed with importance. A plea means the matter is urgent, loaded with strong emotion and desperation.

Only when you recognize your sin and your conscience through God’s law condemns your sin are you brought to your knees to confess and repent. The sin burdened Publican did not so much as look up. From the back of the Temple, he prayed with his head bowed, “Lord, be merciful to me a sinner.” (Luke 18:13) Peter, after having denied Jesus in the High Priest’s courtyard, “went out and wept” tears of remorse. (Mark 14:72)

In Luke, chapter 7, a woman washed Jesus’ feet with her own tears and anointed them with a costly perfume. The Disciples objected because this woman sinned openly. Her sins were common knowledge. Yet, Jesus absolved the sins of the woman, “Your sins are forgiven.” (Luke 7:48) Remember, whatever your sin Jesus blood was shed to cleanse you of it. With His stripes you are healed.

Prayer: Lord, let Your ears be attentive to my pleas for mercy for Jesus’ sake.
Amen.

Just as I am without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about With many-a conflict, many-a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind, Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Think, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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