



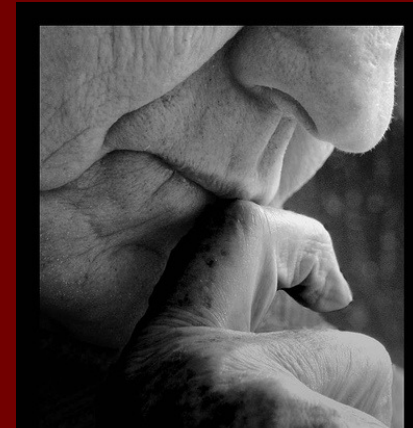
**“How Long, O  
Lord?”  
(Psalm 13)**

*“So, when He heard that he was  
sick, He stayed two more days in  
the place where He was.”*

*(John 11)*

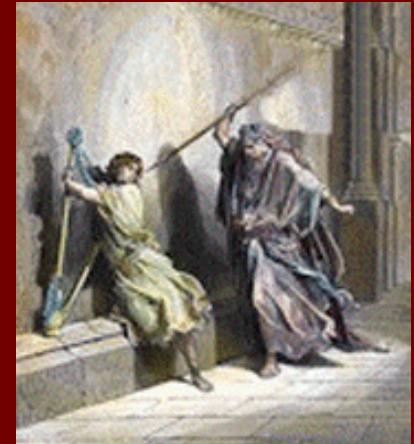
# Days of Sorrow are Long

- **"Make *haste*, O God, to deliver me! Make haste to help me, O LORD!"** (Psa 70:1)
- ***"But I am poor and needy; Make haste to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay."***  
***(Psa 70:5)***



# Sorrow and Hopelessness

- Dwelling on the problem
- ***"And David said in his heart, 'Now I shall perish someday by the hand of Saul.'"***  
***(1 Sam 27:1)***



- Why does God allow this temptation?
- What is the blessing of enduring?

# Does God Forget?

- *"How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever?"*
- "Why do You stand afar off, O LORD? *Why* do You hide in times of trouble?"  
(Psa 10:1)

# We Rebuke God!

- *"I will say to God my Rock, 'Why have You forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?' As with a breaking of my bones, My enemies reproach me, While they say to me all day long, 'Where is your God?'"*  
(Psa 42:9-10)
- *"For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, **Now I will arise,**' says the LORD; 'I will set him in the safety for which he yearns.'"*  
(Psa 12:5)

# God Does Not Forget

- *"But Zion said, 'The LORD has forsaken me, And my Lord has forgotten me.' **Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb? 'Surely they may forget, Yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands.'"** (Isa 49:14-16)*



# God Does Not Forget

- “Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God. **But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.** Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.” (Luke 12:6-7)



# "How long will You hide Your face from me?"



- *"For a mere moment I have forsaken you, but with great mercies I will gather you. With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment; But with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you," Says the LORD, your Redeemer." (Isa 54:7-8)*
- *"When you spread out your hands, **I will hide My eyes from you;** Even though you make many prayers, **I will not hear.** Your hands are full of blood." (Isa 1:15)*
- *"Lord, you were with me, but because of the love of my desires, I was not with you." (St. Augustine )*



# “How Long, O Lord?”

- God may delay His response
- Time of sorrow may be long
- Do not dwell on the problem, but on the blessing
- Contemplate on God, and allow Him to solve your problem: “Cast your burden on the LORD, And He shall sustain you.”  
(Psa 55:22)

# "How Long, O Lord?"

- God never forget us
- He may "hide His face" – to teach or discipline us.
- Have hope and rejoice as David did at the end of his psalm
  - *"But I have trusted in Your mercy; My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation I will sing to the LORD, Because He has dealt bountifully with me." (Psa 13:5-6)*