

PSALM 13

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken. But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me (Psalm 13).

1. What verse registers in your soul? Why?
2. Write about a time in your life that gave you "sorrow in your heart all day."
3. What is the actual request of God that is made in this Psalm? What percentage of your prayers are requests? What other statements are made in these psalms that need to become a part of your prayer life?
4. Why the shift in tone in verses 5-6? Who or what caused it?
5. How is your purity? Specifically, where have your thoughts been typically both in the busy times and in the quiet times? How does this Psalm instruct your thought life?