**Sermon Notes**

**Late Summer Psalms**

**“Fightings and Fears Within Without”**

**Psalm 13**

**Big Idea: We never know what each day or what each season of life will bring to us. We don’t know what mixture of sorrow and joy will be poured out to us in this life, and for the times of suffering and challenge we have Psalm 13.**

**The book of Psalms is a collection of poems, prayers, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Psalm 13 is a song meant to be sung by God’s people in the temple as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God.**

**The Bible gives us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to ask hard questions of God.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the author of this Psalm.**

**In the Bible, the language of God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was a way to speak to special attention and action on behalf of His people.**

**In the Bible when the Lord causes His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to shine on someone, it is a sign of His favor and blessing on that person.**

**When God seems far away we must keep calling out to Him because of what we know to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.**

**Taking counsel in our own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the worst place to take counsel in suffering.**

**The word for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in Hebrews is a powerful word that means “look!”, “see!”, “behold! “give attention!”, “observe and act!” in this situation.**

**David, even in the midst of this great trial, still \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that the God is Lord and God is *His* God (v3).**

**David, by God’s grace, is able to lift his head up from the ashes of his suffering. Though his questions remain - he is able to say, “I trust in your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_love.”**

**In verse 5, the Hebrew is written in such a way to speak to a specific moment in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in which David lodged his trust and hope and confidence in the steadfast love of the Lord.**

**One day – David knows not how long – that one day salvation and deliverance will come; this sure hope, confidence, and assurance causes David to end this Psalm, in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Though he may not understand it all fully, because of what \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will do, David knows the steadfast love of the Lord – and rejoices in the salvation of the Lord – even in the midst of suffering.**

**Take Home Truth:**

**There will be a day when God will make all things new for those who are His. This world with its brokenness, fallenness, and suffering will pass away and a new Earth will come. God will sweep you up into His presence – like a father into His arms – and you and I will be finally free: finally free from sin, finally free from every wrong, finally free from every suffering, finally free from every hardship, finally free from every challenge, finally free from every unmet longing, finally free from every heartbreak.**

**This is our hope. This is the well that David, you, and I must keep going back to in the midst of suffering. We must trust in the steadfast love of the Lord and we must rejoice in salvation that has come - and yet still will come. We understand that we will sing to the Lord because He has delt bountifully with us and made it so that suffering does not have the final word for those who are His.**

**Congregational Scripture Reading**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
**2**    He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2023&version=ESV#fen-ESV-14238a)]  
**3**    He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2023&version=ESV#fen-ESV-14239b)]  
    for his name's sake.

**4**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2023&version=ESV#fen-ESV-14240c)]  
    I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
    your rod and your staff,  
    they comfort me.

**5**You prepare a table before me  
    in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
    my cup overflows.  
**6**Surely[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2023&version=ESV#fen-ESV-14242d)] goodness and mercy[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2023&version=ESV#fen-ESV-14242e)] shall follow me  
    all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2023&version=ESV#fen-ESV-14242f)] in the house of the Lord  
    forever.[[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2023&version=ESV#fen-ESV-14242g)]

**Blanks: songs; worship; permission; David; remembering; face; true; soul; consider; knows; steadfast; time; singing; Jesus**