Ps 129

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| 1 (A Song of Ascents) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord.[[1]](#footnote-1) |  | Out of the depths I have cried unto Thee, O Lord. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 O Lord, hear my cry;  let Your ears be attentive  to the cry of my prayer. |  | Lord, hear my voice: let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 If You, O Lord, should mark our sins,  O Lord, who would survive? |  | If Thou, Lord, shouldest pay heed to iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 But with You is forgiveness. |  | For my forgiveness is from Thee, |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 For Your name’s sake I wait for You, O Lord;[[2]](#footnote-2)  my soul waits for Your word. |  | for Thy Name’s sake, O Lord, I have waited for Thee. My soul has held firmly upon Thy Law, |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 My soul hopes for the Lord  from the morning watch till the night;  from the morning watch  let Israel hope for the Lord. |  | my soul has hoped in the Lord, from the morning watch till the night. From the morning watch, let Israel hope in the Lord: |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 For with the Lord there is mercy,  and with Him there is full redemption. |  | for mercy is with the Lord, and great is His redemption. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 And He will redeem Israel  from all his iniquities.[[3]](#footnote-3) |  | And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities. Alleluia. |  |  |  |  |  |

1. We can cry from the depths only when we go down to the depths. To suffer is to live deeply. The cross is the secret of the heart-cry. Will holy God be attentive if we are not attentive ourselves? When we cry out of the depths of our need, we can be sure of the divine response (cp. Mt. 15:8). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. For Your name’s sake: *variant reading*, For the sake of Your law. The law contained the word or promise of forgiveness (Is. 43:25: Jer. 31:34). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Cp. Titus 2:14. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)