

GOD'S FORGIVENESS - OUR GREAT ASCENT

Psalm 130 - Jon Stead

To know the heights of God's forgiveness we must:

1. Understand our Sinful _____ (vs. 1-2)

Romans 3:10 *there is none righteous, not even one*

Romans 3:23 *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*

Isaiah 64:6 *all our righteousness deeds are like a filthy garment*

2. Understand the Nature of the _____ (vs. 3-4)

A. God's forgiveness is _____

Romans 5:20 *where sin increased, grace abounded all the more*

B. God's Forgiveness is _____

1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Psalms 103:8 *The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.*

C. God's Forgiveness is _____ and _____

Psalms 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Psalms 51:7 Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Hebrews 8:12 I will be merciful to their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.

Micah 7:18-19 Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. 19. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins under foot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. (NIV)

3. Long for the _____ (vs. 5-6)

Knowing the heights of God's forgiveness leads to _____ and _____ (vs. 7-8)

Questions:

1. Why is understanding the depth of your sin key to understanding God's mercy and forgiveness?
2. How can God righteously forgive sinners if He is just?
3. Why is God's forgiveness foundational to biblical fear?
4. How does a biblical understanding of God's forgiveness help us with forgiving others?
5. Give an example of what it means to hope in the Lord.
6. Forgiveness is central to the gospel; therefore, the Psalmist turns outward in proclamation to his fellow man. Why is this the natural result of every true believer? Vs. 7-8