Reflections on Psalm 130

<u>REDEMPTION AND HOPE</u> (A cry for mercy and assurance)

Oh gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in love You monitor my thoughts and feelings from heaven above

You have searched me and know me, understanding my mind As I make mistakes on my walk with mankind

You've been caring for your children since the dawn of time And know every deep valley and mountain I climb

You provide strength and blessings, like manna from above Beckoning me to have faith in your unfailing love

Your love abounds to the thousands, forgiving all my sin Because of your unrelenting desire, for my soul to win

Were my sins recorded, one thing I do know There would be no place to hide or anywhere to go

Alone without distractions in the numbing darkness of night Self-reliance and confidence disintegrate and take flight

Oh dark night of my soul, feeling empty and alone Speechless and lost, from the fruitless seeds I have sown

Will you show compassion, Lord, to your child this dark night Turning my guilt and fear into forgiveness and delight?

Yes, You give me this day, dear Father, my daily bread Offering compassion and assurance, I have nothing to dread

> For your plans are to prosper and not to harm Repent, little child, stay calm without alarm

> Humbly bowing at the cross sincere in heart Will give you new hope and a brand new start

Nothing in the world gets in the way of God's zeal When He sets the course for a child wearing His seal So stand on tiptoe, and lift your head up high To receive God's rays of forgiveness from the eastern sky

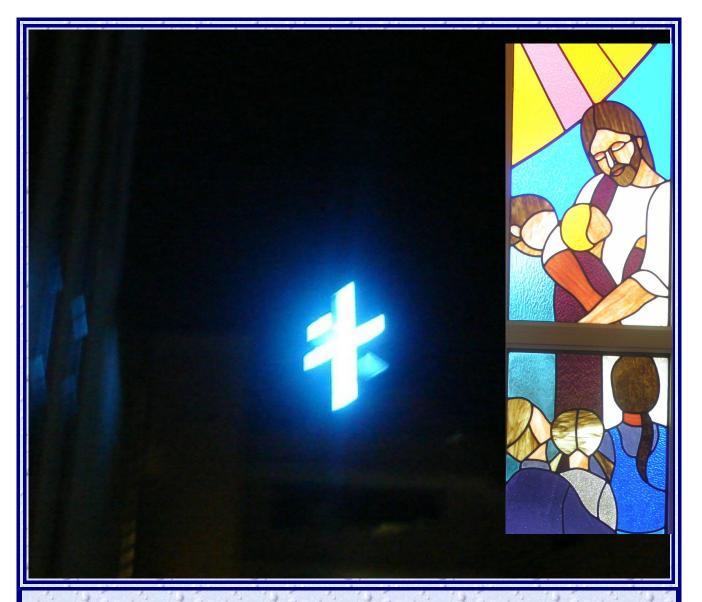
For your transgressions and sins were nailed to the cross Because of Jesus, your gift of victory, totally free from loss

At the cross the curtain was torn, and our eternal life won So lift up your praises to God through Jesus His Son

Jerusalem! Oh, Jerusalem! Love filled city of living grace Providing our daily bread at the right time and place



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2 Corinthians 5: 21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Hebrews 10: 22

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 6: 19-20

Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie.

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.