Reflections on Psalm 130

REDEMPTION AND HOPE
(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
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.