

# **How LONG Lord?**

**Psalm 13:1-6**

→ There is **Nothing** wrong with  
**ASKING How LONG?**

<sup>1</sup> **How LONG**, O LORD?

Will you forget me forever?

**How LONG** will you hide your face  
from me?

→ There is a difference between  
**FEELINGS and TRUTH**

<sup>2</sup> **How LONG** must I **wrestle** with my **thoughts**  
and every day have **sorrow** in my **heart**?  
**How long** will my enemy **triumph over me**?

Genesis 42:36 (NLT)

Jacob exclaimed,

“You are robbing me of my children!

Joseph is gone! Simeon is gone!

And now you want to take Benjamin, too.

**Everything is going AGAINST me!”**

**→ We Must Seek HELP in our  
times of DESPERATE Need**

<sup>3</sup> LOOK on me and ANSWER,

O LORD my God.

GIVE light to my eyes...

Hebrews 4:14-16 (NIV)

...let us **HOLD** firmly to the **FAITH**  
we profess.

<sup>16</sup> Let us then approach **the throne**  
**of grace** with **CONFIDENCE**, so that we  
may **receive MERCY** and find **GRACE**  
to help us in our time of **NEED**.

Discouraged souls often **INTERNALIZE**  
**their struggles** rather than **CASTING**  
**their burdens** on the Lord.

This only leads to self-destruction  
and despair. HOTC

**→ We NEED the PERSPECTIVE  
of God's WORD**

**3 LOOK on me and ANSWER,  
O LORD my God.**

**GIVE LIGHT to my eyes ...**



Psalm 19.8 (NIV)

...The **commands of the LORD**  
are radiant **giving LIGHT** to the eyes.

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

For the **WORD of God is LIVING and ACTIVE.** Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; **it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.**

Hebrews 4:13 (NIV)

**Nothing** in all creation **is HIDDEN from God's sight.** Everything is **uncovered** and **laid bare** before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

David **RESTED** confidently on the  
never failing **LOVE** and **MERCY** of **God**,  
even though he found **NO** Immediate  
**DELIVERANCE** from his enemy. BKC

→ We Must **TURN** to God **FIRST** -  
then **TRUST** and **WAIT** for God to Act

<sup>5</sup> But I trust in Your **UNFAILING LOVE**;  
my heart rejoices in Your **SALVATION**.

David's **FEELINGS** had been on a roller coaster, **but God was still on the throne**, and His **CHARACTER** and **PROMISES** had **NOT** changed.

→ Never Give Up on the **GOODNESS**  
of God

<sup>6</sup> I will sing to the LORD, for He  
has been **GOOD to ME.**

God's people don't live on explanations;  
they live on **PROMISES**, and those  
promises are as **unchanging** as the  
**CHARACTER** of God. Wiersbe