

Psalm 13 - Notes

Background:

1. This is a psalm of David.
2. Many scholars believe it was written when David was being chased by Saul.
 1. Tremper Longman said this psalm is "a cry to God from a soul who has nowhere to turn but to God."
 2. Spuregon called it the "How Long Psalm."
3. It is a Lament Psalm.
4. It is a strophe psalm. Logos breaks it apart into three sections (1-2, 3-4, 5-6). Cloer labels these sections as: "How Long?", "Consider Me!", and "I Will Trust."
5. Key words in this Psalm: Lord (Yahweh) 3x; Enemy (oyeb) 2x; Rejoice (gyl) 2x; and Heart (leb) 2x.
 1. The Enemy makes my Heart lament; still I will Rejoice in the Lord.

VV. 1-2 - THE COMPLAINT

1. Notice verse one's **Climatic Progressive Parallelism**:
 1. How Long - Will you forget me forever
 2. How Long - Will you hide your face from me
2. Notice verse two's **Climatic Progressive Parallelism**:
 1. How Long - Counsel in my soul/sorrow in my heart
 2. How Long - Will my enemy be exalted over me
3. The psalmist feels as if everyone is against him.
 1. He also feels as if this is because God has completely abandoned him.

VV. 3-4 - THE CALL

1. The great would be all the kings of the earth.
 1. They will:
 1. Give thanks to you
 2. Sing of your ways
 2. Because:
 1. They heard His words.
 2. His glory is great.
2. Notice the **Inverted Parallelism**:
 1. He regards (sees, understands) - He knows (notice, learn of)
 2. The lowly - the haughty

VV. 5-6 - THE COMFORT

1. The Lord will take care of me in bad situations
 1. Notice the **Synonymous Parallelism**
 1. Stretch forth your hand - Your right hand
 2. Against the wrath of my enemies - Will save me
2. The Lord will take care of me in good situations
 1. He will help me
 2. He will show me everlasting lovingkindness
 3. So, Lord, do not forsake your works!