

## PRAYING PSALM 130

“Oh Israel, hope in the Lord...” (Psalm 130:7).

This is the sixth of seven penitential psalms. 1. ENTREATY BY GOD FOR GOD’S DELIVERANCE (1-2). Repentance comes from the depths of the heart. 2. EXPECTATION FOR GOD’S FORGIVENESS (3-6). There is forgiveness with the Lord that He would be feared. Repentance comes from fearing the Lord. Repentance comes from hope in God’s word. A repentant person will wait like a sentry for the Lord to reveal Himself. 3. EXHORTATION TO TRUST THE LORD (7-8). Trust Him for mercy and redemption.

Just as Israel is called to repent, so are individuals. Your heart will eventually get what your heart wants. If you want deliverance from your life style you can get it through repentance. When you struggle with sin in your life, it is because you do not repent and receive forgiveness. If you are willing to repent of the sin that so easily besets you, you can expect restoration. You may have to keep praying until your heart conforms to God’s will, but you can expect God’s deliverance if you persist in believing prayer. “Trust and obey. There is no other way. To be happy in Jesus you must trust and obey.”