

# Waiting For Dawn

## Victory Life Church — Advent 2020

Part 1: “Out of the Depths I Cry” — Sunday, November 29, 2020

### **Psalm 130:1-8 (ESV)**

#### **My Soul Waits for the Lord**

##### **A Song of Ascents.**

**130** Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

<sup>2</sup> O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

<sup>3</sup> If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;

<sup>6</sup> my soul waits for the Lord  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.

<sup>8</sup> And he will redeem Israel  
from all his iniquities.

### **Psalm 130:1-2 (ESV)**

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## **Psalm 13:1-6 (ESV)**

### **How Long, O Lord?**

**To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.**

**13** How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

**2** How long must I take counsel in my soul  
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

**3** Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;  
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,

**4** lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"  
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

**5** But I have trusted in your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

**6** I will sing to the LORD,  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

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## **Luke 1:5-17 (NLT)**

### **The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold**

**5** When Herod was king of Judea, there was a Jewish priest named Zechariah. He was a member of the priestly order of Abijah, and his wife, Elizabeth, was also from the priestly line of Aaron. **6** Zechariah and Elizabeth were righteous in God's eyes, careful to obey all of the Lord's commandments and regulations. **7** They had no children because Elizabeth was unable to conceive, and they were both very old.

**8** One day Zechariah was serving God in the Temple, for his order was on duty that week. **9** As was the custom of the priests, he was chosen by lot to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and burn incense. **10** While the incense was being burned, a great crowd stood outside, praying.

**11** While Zechariah was in the sanctuary, an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the incense altar. **12** Zechariah was shaken and overwhelmed with fear when he saw him. **13** But the angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer. Your wife, Elizabeth, will give you a son, and you are to name him John. **14** You will have great joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, **15** for he will be great in the eyes of the Lord. He must never touch wine or other alcoholic drinks. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even before his birth. **16** And he will turn many Israelites to the Lord their God. **17** He will be a man with the spirit and power of Elijah. He will prepare the people for the coming of the Lord. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and he will cause those who are rebellious to accept the wisdom of the godly."

## **Luke 1:67-79 (NLT)**

### **Zechariah's Prophecy**

<sup>67</sup> Then his father, Zechariah, was filled with the Holy Spirit and gave this prophecy:

<sup>68</sup> "Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,  
because he has visited and redeemed his people.

<sup>69</sup> He has sent us a mighty Savior<sup>[a]</sup>  
from the royal line of his servant David,

<sup>70</sup> just as he promised  
through his holy prophets long ago.

<sup>71</sup> Now we will be saved from our enemies  
and from all who hate us.

<sup>72</sup> He has been merciful to our ancestors  
by remembering his sacred covenant—

<sup>73</sup> the covenant he swore with an oath  
to our ancestor Abraham.

<sup>74</sup> We have been rescued from our enemies  
so we can serve God without fear,

<sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness  
for as long as we live.

<sup>76</sup> "And you, my little son,  
will be called the prophet of the Most High,  
because you will prepare the way for the Lord.

<sup>77</sup> You will tell his people how to find salvation  
through forgiveness of their sins.

<sup>78</sup> Because of God's tender mercy,  
the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us,<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>79</sup> to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide us to the path of peace."

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