

Psalm 13

# Walking Wisely When God Seems Absent

# The Cry of Despondency

*<sup>1</sup>How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me? <sup>2</sup>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?*

# The Cry for Help

*<sup>3</sup>Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, <sup>4</sup>lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,” lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.*

# The Cry of Trust and Hope

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If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all – how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things? ... Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord”

Romans 8:31-32, 35, 37-39

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