



APC Advent Devotional – December 2nd, 2020

Do we seek these difficult times out?

Today's Scripture: Psalm 13:5-6 (ESV)

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

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



This Psalm is a cry by David to the Lord for deliverance from his enemies.

After a tough 2020, do you feel like this? Are your thoughts focused on solving the problem yourself or on seeking God's steadfast love in the midst of it?

Like David in this Psalm, we are often tempted to ask how long do I need to struggle through this for, and when will it end? However, as with David, we can rely on God's **steadfast love**. How liberating that, in the toughest of times in this broken world, God is with us!

As with David's prayer, this does not translate to the situation being quickly resolved to our own agenda. As the saying reminds us, "The mountain top is great for the view, but the fruit grows in the valley," our faith is often tested, develops and deepens in these tough times. Do we seek these difficult times out? Probably not! But what a joy and comfort to know that our God, the Creator of the Universe, loves each one of us and is with us every step.

In the knowledge of recognizing the immensity of God's love as our Eternal Father, we can absolutely trust in Him, and the resulting deliverance from our situation. God knows us better than we know ourselves, and we can **sing his praises**, whatever life brings.

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