

Sermon Questions
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A Thanksgiving Service
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Given the state of the world and the conflicts and concerns of our lives, it can sometimes take an effort of the will to summon a feeling of thanksgiving. Dania spoke about Psalm 56, which is a lament, but which can help us bring our hearts to a place of giving thanks. Let's analyze a different Psalm. In a very short Psalm, David changes his emotions dramatically.

Psalm 13^[a]

For the director of music. A psalm of David.

- ¹ How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
- ² How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?
How long will my enemy triumph over me?
- ³ Look on me and answer, Lord my God.
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,
- ⁴ and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.
- ⁵ But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.
- ⁶ I will sing the Lord's praise,
for he has been good to me.

THE LAMENT – What grieves David? (if you printed the study, underline everything David is lamenting)

THE PETITION – What is David pleading for? (put brackets around David's petitions)

ASSURANCE – What does David remember about the nature of God? (circle the blessings)

PRAISE – What does David give thanks for? (put an exclamation point)

LIES – Going back to the beginning, what lies has David told himself? (cross them out)

What is it about David that allowed him to get from thinking God forgot him to singing praise?