

How Long?

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How long? How long, O Lord? How long will you forget me? Forever?
How long? How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I struggle with anguish in my soul, and every day have sorrow in my heart?
How long will my enemy triumph over me?
Turn and answer me, O Lord, my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will die.
Don't let my enemies say, "We have defeated her." Don't let them rejoice when I fall...
["ooo"]
But I trust in your lovingkindness. My heart rejoices in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord because he is good to me.

Ps 13 (New Living Translation, World English Bible), adapted

Question 1 (during or after listening)

How would you describe the overall mood(s) of the piece? Jot down adjectives or phrases as you listen.
Anything goes!

Question 2 (during or after listening)

Which word(s) or phrase(s) does the piece emphasize? Circle them as you listen.

Question 3 after listening and/or discussion)

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Does it help you gain any spiritual insight into yourself, your faith, or the Christian life?

How Long, Yahweh?

Josh Rodriguez

How long? How long? How long, Yahweh?
Yahweh! Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart every day?
How long shall my enemies triumph over me?
Behold and answer me, Yahweh, my God. Give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death.
Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed against her!" Lest my adversaries rejoice when I fall.
But I trust, I trust in your lovingkindness. My heart rejoices in your salvation.
I will sing to Yahweh. He has been good. He has been good to me.

-Ps 13 (World English Bible), adapted

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Psalm 13

Mary Montgomery Koppel

How long, how long, O Lord? How long, O Lord? O Lord?
How long, how long? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long shall I take counsel in my soul?
Shall I struggle in my soul, shall I grapple,
shall I agonize and wrestle with my thoughts and with my soul?
How long having sorrow in my heart, grief in my heart, day after day?
How long shall my enemy triumph over me?
Behold, and answer me, O Lord, my God. Give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed against her;" Lest my foes rejoice when I fall.
O God, O God, answer me, How long?
But I trust, I trust in your lovingkindness, your steadfast love, your unfailing love, in your mercy.
My heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing, I will sing to God, my God, for God has been good to me.
-Ps 13 (World English Bible), adapted

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I Will Praise Thee

Xavier Beteta

Be merciful, be merciful unto me O God.

Be merciful unto me for my soul trusteth in thee.

In the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge until these calamities be overpast.

I will cry unto God most high, unto God that performeth all things for me.

I will praise, I will praise thee O Lord, I will praise thee among the people

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I will sing unto thee among the nations, I will sing unto thee among the nations

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I will sing unto thee among the nations, I will sing unto thee among the nations

For the mercy is great unto the heavens and thy truth unto the clouds.

Be thou exalted O God above the heavens.

Let thy glory be above all the earth, the earth, the earth, the earth, above all the earth, the earth.

Ps 57 (KJV), adapted

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Psalm 57

Delvyn Case

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee:
Yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge.
I will cry unto God most high; He shall send from heaven,
And save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up.
God shall send his mercy and his truth.
Be merciful unto me, O God. My soul is among the lions: I lie among them that are set on fire,
Whose teeth are like arrows, and their tongue a sword.
Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth.
Be merciful unto me, O God.
They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down:
They have dug a pit before me, but they have fallen into it themselves.
My heart is steadfast, O God: I will sing and give you praise.
Awake my glory, awake; Awake, psaltery and harp.
I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.
For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.
-Ps 57 (KJV), adapted

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Awake Up, My Glory

Sungji Hong

Awake up, my glory,
Awake, lute and harp
I myself will awake early
I will praise Thee, O Lord among the people:
I will sing unto Thee among the nations.
For Thy mercy is great unto the havens,
And Thy truth unto the clouds.
O God, above the heavens:
Let Thy glory be above all the earth.

-Ps. 57: 9-12 (KJV)

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Psalm 148: Praise Ye the Lord

Richard J. Clark

Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights.
Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.
Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.
Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.
Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, ye stars of light.
Praise ye him, stars of light. Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:
Fire and hail snow; vapours; stormy wind fulfilling his word:
Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:
Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:
Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent;
His glory is above the earth and heaven.
Praise ye, praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights.
He exalted the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints;
Even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.
-Ps 148 (KJV), adapted

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Tehillah

Haosi Howard Chen

Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights.
Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.
Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.
Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.
Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.
He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.
Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:
Fire, and hail; snow, and vapours; stormy wind fulfilling his word:
Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:
Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:
Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:
Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:
Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent;
His glory is above the earth and heaven.
He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.

-Psalm 148 (KJV)

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Praise the Lord

Tatev Amiryan

Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights.
Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.
Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.
Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.
Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.
He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.
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Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent
His glory is above the earth and heaven.
He exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints
Even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.
-Psalm 14, excerpts (KJV), adapted

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