

## **HOPE IN THE DEPTHS**

### **PSALM 130**

Introduction:

The “depths” in which the Psalmist found himself is a foretaste of Hell. In fact he feels comfortable using language that is associated with Sheol to describe his present spiritual and emotional state.

Martin Luther listed this as one of his favorite Psalms. The reformer spent many days in the “depths” and like the Psalmist found hope in the depths.

Luther claimed that the Apostle Paul could have written this Psalm.

Augustine had also spent some time in the “depths”. He puts some of the words of this Psalm on the wall of his study. He wanted to always remember that there is hope in the depths.

We need to always keep in mind a sobering central truth: WE CREATE OUR DEPTHS BY THE CHOICES THAT WE MAKE. But when we have chosen wrong, and plunged ourselves into the depths, there is still a basis for HOPE.

- I. GOD’S FORGIVING NATURE GIVES US HOPE IN THE DEPTHS.
- II. GOD’S LOVING PROMISES GIVES US HOPE IN THE DEPTHS.

III. GOD'S REDEMPTIVE PURPOSES GIVE US HOPE IN THE  
DEPTHS.