

How Long Oh Lord

Ever feel like you are at the end of your rope and there seems to be no knot at the end? That's how the psalmist felt in Psalm 13. Such language of impatience and complaint is found frequently in the prayers of the psalms. It expresses the anguish of relief not (yet) granted and exhibits the boldness with which the psalmists wrestled with God on the basis of their relationship with him.

As his dear children we can also boldly approach God with our anguished plea. We can be assured that God has not forgotten us and that he will answer our pleas. We can say with the psalmist as he ends this psalm: *But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.* ⁶ *I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.*