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## A CONTENTED LONGING

*Psalms 130-131*

Sermon notes from 8/17/08

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Summary

### Songs of Ascents

This collection of 15 songs (Ps 120-134) was a special hymn book for Israel's use on their way to Jerusalem for the covenant feasts. They help us give voice to the longing of God's people to be with our God together. Let us sing His praises and recite His promises.

Text

#### Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;  
O Lord, hear my voice.  
Let your ears be attentive  
to my cry for mercy.

If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins,  
O LORD, who could stand?  
But with you there is forgiveness;  
therefore you are feared.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I put my hope.  
My soul waits for the Lord  
more than watchmen wait for the morning,  
more than watchmen wait for the morning.

O Israel, put your hope in the LORD,  
for with the LORD is unfailing love  
and with him is full redemption.  
He himself will redeem Israel

#### Psalm 131

My heart is not proud, O LORD,  
my eyes are not haughty;  
I do not concern myself with great  
matters or things too wonderful  
for me.

But I have stilled and quieted my soul;

like a weaned child with its mother,  
like a weaned child is my soul within  
me.

O Israel, put your hope in the LORD  
both now and forevermore.

Message

- I. True Repentance
- II. A Contented Longing
- III. A Certain Hope

Application

*Please pray and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you with the following questions:*

- How do you come to God in repentance? Does it result in wonder or dread?  
Has discontentment robbed you of peace and joy?  
Are you enjoying this journey to Jerusalem?

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