**Reading:** Ps. 130

**Singing:** 87:1-3 – 66:1-4 – 73:5-6 – 446:2-3

**The Direction to hope and wait on the LORD**

I. Who is speaking? II. Who is he speaking to?

III. What is his direction? IV. Why does he give such a direction?

**I. Who is speaking?**

A. His name unknown but he is *sinner like us* (vs. 1-6)

 1. He *was* a person who *experienced acute soul distress*

 a. his distress isn’t caused by *circumstances he faces*

b. his distress is due to *sense & conviction of his sins* (vs. 3)

 c. his distress is more than reasonable: *Mansoul’s fall is guilt!*

 2. He was a *person who cried mightily to God the LORD* (vs. 1-2)

 a. his cry implied something: *faith in God!*

 3. He was a *person who learned that there is forgiveness with God*

 a. He eyes God in all His glory of *mercy and grace*

 ● Luther called Ps. 130 a *Pauline Psalm*

4. He was a *person who waited upon God with great intensity* (vs. 5-6)

 a. his reason for waiting intensely was because of God’s Word

**II. Who is he speaking to?**

A. To you who *feel similar distress about your sins and sinfulness*

 1. perhaps you dare not lift your heart in prayer

B. You are addressed in Ps. 130’s testimony or witness about God (vs. 7-8)

 1. Let all God’s people join this poet in their witness! (2 Kings 7:9)

**III. What is his direction?**

A. Don’t despair: there is hope for sinners (7-8)

 1. Don’t live by observations – feelings of yourself but by faith in God’s

 revelation of grace: *wait on Him!*

 2. Why are we all to wait on Him?

 a. because with Him is more mercy than we can exhaust

 ● plenteous

 ● redemption

 b. because our only ground of hope is *in Him as the God of mercy*

B. **Wait** upon God as he did (vs. 6-7)

 1. vs. 6-7 describe his own response *upon discovery of grace (4)*

a. what is waiting?

 b. upon what was he waiting?

 c. other Scriptures mentioning this waiting

 ● Lam. 3:26 *It is good both to hope and to quietly wait for*

 *the salvation of the LORD*

● Ps. 37:7: *Rest in the LORD and wait patiently for Him*

● Is. 30:15 *In quietness and confidence shall be your*

 *strength* again

 ● Is. 40:31 *But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew*

 *their strength*

**Finally…**

A. Is it possible to have seen there *is forgiveness even for me,* and not

 have the comforting sense of this?

B. Is *everyone* exhorted to ***thus wait*** ***with expectation***upon the LORD?

 a. the Spirit *never* speaks to the unconverted in that manner

 b. to all unconverted the Spirit speaks the opposite: *make haste!*