

Psalm 13 ¹

"David's Mournful Plea to Yahweh For Victory Over His Enemies"

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

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A1 DAVID'S DISMAY AT YAHWEH'S HAVING FORGOTTEN HIM 13:1-2

B1 His Complaint at Yahweh's Absence 13:1

C1 Yahweh's Inattention: {1} How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever?

C2 Yahweh's Disregard: How long will You hide Your face from me?

B2 His Sorrow at His Enemy's Success 13:2

C1 His Ceaseless Contemplation: {2} How long shall I take counsel in my soul,

C2 His Persistent Pathos: *Having* sorrow in my heart all the day?

C3 His Exalted Enemy: How long will my enemy be exalted over me?

A2 DAVID'S PLEA TO YAHWEH FOR ASSISTANCE 13:3-4

B1 His Plea for Assistance 13:3a

C1 For Response: {3} Consider *and* answer me, O LORD my God;

C2 For Enlightenment: Enlighten my eyes,

B2 The Consequences of Unanswered Prayer 13:3b-4

C1 Death: or I will sleep the *sleep of* death, 13:3b

C2 Victory for His Enemies 13:4

D1 Announcement of Victory: {4} And my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"

D2 Anticipation of Jubilation: *And* my adversaries will rejoice when I am shaken.

¹ Psalm 13: There are certainly different ways to analyze a psalm or any passage of Scripture. Here is the first of two different examples.

A3 DAVID'S EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE IN YAHWEH 13:5-6

B1 Faith: {5} But I have trusted in Your lovingkindness; **13:5**

B2 Joy: My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

B3 Praise 13:6

C1 Vow of Praise: {6} I will sing to the LORD,

C2 Reason for Praise: Because He has dealt bountifully with me.

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A 1 DAVID'S DIRGE OF YAHWEH'S FORGETFULNESS 13:1-2

B 1 His Query of Forgetfulness: {1} How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever?

B 2 His Query of Rejection: How long will You hide Your face from me?

B 3 His Query of Endless Sorrow 13:2

C 1 His Ceaseless Contemplation: {2} How long shall I take counsel in my soul,

C 2 His Persistent Pathos: *Having* sorrow in my heart all the day?

B 4 His Query of His Exalted Enemy: How long will my enemy be exalted over me?

A 2 THE DIRE CONSEQUENCES IF YAHWEH FAILS TO RESPOND TO DAVID 13:3-4

B 1 His Plea for an Answer 13:4a

C 1 For Response: {3} Consider *and* answer me, O LORD my God;

C 2 For Enlightenment: Enlighten my eyes,

B 2 His Impending Death: or I will sleep the *sleep of* death,

B 3 The Joy of His Enemies 13:4

C 1 Announcement of Victory: {4} And my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"

C 2 Anticipation of Jubilation: *And* my adversaries will rejoice when I am shaken.

A 3 DAVID'S HYMN OF TRUST AND JOY 13:5-6

B 1 His Resolve of Trust in Yahweh's Loyal Love: {5} But I have trusted in Your lovingkindness;

B 2 His Joy at Yahweh's Anticipated Salvation: My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

² A second Expanded Analysis of Psalm 13 by James T. Bartsch.

B 3 His Anticipated Psalm of Thanks

C 1 Vow of Praise: {6} I will sing to the LORD,

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