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# Summer in the Psalms

Lesson Six • Psalm 13

### **When God Seems Distant**

### David's Road Map in Psalm 13

When God seems distant, <u>FOLLOW</u> David's road map in the journey from anguish to assurance, from despair to deliverance, from pain to praise.

#### When God Seems Distant, Follow David's Road Map

## 1. From Crying Out to God in Dark DESPAIR...

#### David's Despair

- ► How long will God FORGET me (v. 1a)?
- How long will God HIDE from me (v. 1b)?
- How long must I be DISCOURAGED (v. 2a)?
- How long must I be DEFEATED (v. 2b)?

### When We're in Despair

We tend to focus not only on the <u>DEPTH</u> of our trials and troubles, but also on the LENGTH of our trials and troubles.

# 2. To Pleading with God in Earnest PRAYER...

### David's Prayer

- REMEMBER me, O Lord (v. 3a).
- RESTORE me, O Lord (v. 3b).
- RESCUE me, O Lord (v. 4).

# 3. To Rejoicing in God for His Steadfast <u>CARE!</u>

### David's Joy

- I will TRUST in God's unfailing love (v. 5a).
- I will HOPE in God's gracious salvation (v. 5b).
- I will SING to God for His bountiful goodness (v. 6).

### Live It Out Lesson from Psalm 13

We can move from anguish to assurance, from despair to deliverance, from pain to praise, because no matter what we may feel or face in life, God has dealt bountifully with us in <u>JESUS CHRIST</u>.