

WALKING through DARKNESS! (The “Silence” of God in the believer’s life)

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I take counsel in my soul

and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;

light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,

lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,”

lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

But I have trusted in your steadfast love;

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the LORD,

because he has dealt bountifully with me. (Psalm 13, ESV)

Many Christians, in our life time, will experience what David had experienced, at one time or another. Psalm 13 speaks powerfully to believers, as and when we are called to walk through a **period of darkness, a time when God appears to be silent...** when all the lights go off, when all feelings of inspiration are gone and when it appears,

“God has forgotten us; & God’s favor seems to turn into God’s disfavor”!

And when that happens, I would assume it is awful and unbearable for many people.

1. DAVID’S DESPAIR!

2. DAVID’S PRAYER, “LIGHT UP MY EYES, OR I WILL DIE!”

David was asking God to restore his own vision of God,

“I can’t see You O God, in this darkness, please restore my vision, or else I will perish!”.

3. “BUT I TRUST IN YOUR UNFAILING LOVE, (NOT JUST MY FEELINGS!)”

“When there’s silence, we are most prone to have wrong assumptions, wrong conclusions about life, about prayers, about God!”
我们会不知不觉的去胡思乱想！

Questions to ponder

1. Recall a period of darkness in your own journey when God seemed to be “silent” or even “absent”. What went through your mind during that period?
2. How did you manage to continue in your journey back then?
3. Which part of this teaching has been of great help to you?