

Dealing with Delay  
Psalm 13

A Psalm That Moves from Honesty to Humility to Hallelujah!

He Starts with an Honest Reaction – Ps 13:1-2

- None of us likes to wait
  - ...delay often creates doubt
- He doubts the goodness of God
  - ...he pours out his honest reaction into the presence of God

He Makes a Humble Request – Ps 13:3-4

- He takes refuge in “My God”
  - ...“for You are with me” – Ps 23:4
- He takes a posture of submissive trust
  - ...that God rewards those who diligently seek Him – Heb 11:6

He Settles into a Hopeful Response – Ps 13:5-6

- He practices the holy “but” – Ps 13:5
  - ...soul doesn’t have to take precedence over spirit – Heb 4:12
  - ...appearances don’t have to determine ultimate reality – Jo 7:24; II Cor 5:7
- He trusts in the covenant promises of loving with-ness – Heb 13:5
  - ...he returns to the eternal perspective – Ps 73:16-19,28
  - ...he begins to think in the presence of truth – Deut 8:16; 23:5; Gen 50:20; Is 45:3; Lk 1:7; Jo 11
- He rejoices in God’s salvation – Lk 10:20; I Pet 1:3-9
  - ...an eternal God Who eternally saves with an eternal supply – Eph 1:3; I Pet 3,4
  - ...he has benefits no enemy can touch – I Jo 5:18
  - ...any temporary delay is for the sake of an eternal good – Ro 8:28-29