

Psalm 13:1-6
"How Long, O LORD?"

Intro: 'Balconers' & 'travelers'

-Jonathan Edwards: "It becomes one who is called to be a soldier to excel in the art of war. It becomes a mariner to excel in the art of navigation. It becomes a physician to excel in the knowledge of those things which pertain to the art of physic. So it becomes all such as profess to be Christians to devote themselves to the practice of Christianity, and to endeavor to excel in the knowledge of divinity."

*Those who _____ their _____ must continue to _____ to Him,
_____ Him, and _____ Him when it feels like He has forgotten them.

-A needful reminder: Our hearts are deceitful, and so are our feelings.

1. God's people can expect to experience the feeling of God's absence (verses 1-2).

-"How long, O LORD?": One of the more common cries from the believer's heart.

-What David is referring to in Psalm 13: Referred to as 'desertion' by the Puritans.

-Those Christians who are most likely to be cognizant of the feeling of God's absence: Those who are especially introspective.

2. God's people must recognize and plead their dependence upon Him (verses 3-4).

-Charles Spurgeon: "Our weakness is one of our best arguments in our prayers."

-Jonathan Edwards: "Dependence upon God demonstrates His all-sufficiency. Our having all of God shows the fullness of His power and grace. Our having all through Him shows the fullness of His merit and worthiness. And our having all in Him demonstrates His fullness of beauty, love, and happiness.

3. God's people must hold on to their faith in Him and worship of Him (verses 5-6).

-Faith likened to Samson's locks: When faith is temporarily cut off, all strength is gone.

-Personal Application: