

Ps 130.4—There is Forgiveness with God

There is forgiveness with God for you

- I. You can be sure there's forgiveness with God because of the *name* by which He revealed Himself to us in Scripture.
 - A. In Ex 34 when Israel was overwhelmed by the guilt of their sin and Moses was distressed over the separation that it created between God and His people, God answered Moses' fears and Israel's distress by, in a name, declaring Himself to be the God who forgives sins, Ex 34.6-7; Mic 7.18-19
 - B. That's *still* His name today, Heb 13.8; Mal 3.6
- II. You can be sure that there's forgiveness with God because He sent His Son into the world to secure it.
 - A. When God would prove to the world that He was a forgiving God, He sent His Son to declare and procure that forgiveness, Jn 3.16; Rom 4.25; 8.3; Gal 3.13; Isa 53.6; cf. Gen 22.12
 - B. It's blasphemous to think that God would send His Son to the cross to pay the penalty for your sins (Isa 53.6) and then not forgive you of them when you ask, 1Jn 1.9; 2.1-2
- III. You can be sure there's forgiveness with God because He calls you to repentance, Ezk 18.32
 - A. Both John and Jesus came preaching repentance, Mk 1.4, 14-15
 - B. The apostles were sent out to preach the same message, Lk 24.46-48; Acts 2.37-38
 - C. It's still the same today. God calls you to come to Him in repentance because He stands ready with forgiveness, Mt 6.12

The amazing nature of God's forgiveness

- I. The forgiveness God gives is an abundant forgiveness, covering *all* your sins, Mk 3.28; Isa 1.18; 1Jn 1.7
 - A. Even if your sins are more in number than the grains of sand on the earth's shores, Christ says they will *all* be forgiven.
- II. The forgiveness God gives is a complete forgiveness, leaving *nothing* for you to earn or do but simply to believe and receive.
 - A. The minute you have forgiveness, your slate is spotless and *all* condemnation is removed, Ps 103.12; Rom 5.1; 8.1

B. Jesus came to save, Jn 6.38-40. And He came to do it in a way that ensures He gets all the glory, Isa 63.3. And it's the wonder of forgiveness that Him getting all the glory ensures us getting all the grace, Jn 6.47

- III. The forgiveness God gives is a free and unconditional forgiveness.
 - A. It's not burdened with an "if" or hamstrung by a condition.
 - B. The only thing required is that you *know* yourself to be sinful and undeserving and see Him as your only remedy, Rev 22.17; Mt 11.28; Mk 2.17
- IV. The forgiveness God gives is a tried and proven forgiveness, Heb 12.1
 - A. Sinners of every name and nation, of every sort and description have knocked at the door of the gospel of Jesus and have been answered with a full and free pardon, Heb 11.1-2
 - B. Christ's treasury has never been found empty. The well of living waters has never been found dry. Millions have had their thirst satisfied, and yours can be too.
- V. Best of all, the forgiveness God gives is an everlasting forgiveness, Isa 49.15-16
 - A. God doesn't write with a pencil. Every name written into the Lamb's Book of Life is written with an iron pen, *never* to be erased, Jn 10.27-28; Rev 13.8; Jer 31.3; Ps 103.17
 - B. The sins of God's children will never be recalled, Mic 7.18-19. They will never again be remembered against them, Heb 10.17
 - C. Get yourself in Christ and you will *never* perish. The forgiveness God gives covers all your past, present, and future sins. If you doubt it, then read Rom 8.1-3, 31-39 again. Read and believe.

Conclusion

- I. An invitation. If you'll but confess your sins to God and sincerely desire in your heart, with His help, to turn from them and live for Him, then forgiveness will be yours, free and full and forever.
- II. A warning. If, out of a love for your sins or the power of your unbelief, you refuse to repent of your sins and seek God's forgiveness, then your condemnation will be just, because His willingness to forgive is unquestionable, Ps 130.4; Jn 6.37