

Light as Pink

(Isaiah 1:18)

- Introduction:
1. We struggle with taking the words of Isaiah at face value.
 2. Surely, this can't be true... "it's too good to be true."
 3. However, the forgiveness God offers is real and instead of worrying and being burdened by guilt, we should rejoice in our salvation.
 4. This morning, I would like to examine a Psalm that reaffirms what the prophet Isaiah said.

I. Background to Psalm 130

- A. Psalm 130 is a "psalm of ascents."
 1. This is a title given to fifteen of the Psalms (120-134).
 2. These psalms were psalms that were sung by the Jewish pilgrims as they made their ascent to Jerusalem to worship (Deut. 16:16).
- B. They were joyous, brief, and hopeful.

II. An Analysis of Psalm 130

- A. Prayer.
 1. (Psalm 130:1-2).
 2. When we find ourselves in the "depths," what else can we do but to cry out to the Lord?
 3. Consider Peter's words (John 6:68).
- B. Humility.
 1. (Psalm 130:3-4).
 2. We are wholly inadequate before the Lord.
 3. We cannot stand on our own, but we can be rescued.
- C. Relief.
 1. (Psalm 130:5-6).
 2. God's forgiveness is likened to the dawning of the morning for the night watchmen.
 3. It's a time of relief, not worry.
- D. Redemption.
 1. (Psalm 130:7-8).
 2. Hope in the Lord for with him there is mercy and redemption.
 3. Redemption from "all" our iniquities!

- Conclusion:
1. Learn to trust God.
 2. Take him at his word.
 3. There's no "pink" in Isaiah 1:18.
 4. The children of God aren't tainted by sin, but rather they wear white garments (Revelation 3:5).