

**Psalm 13**<sup>1</sup>

**"David's Mournful Plea to Yahweh For Victory Over His Enemies"**

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

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**A1 DAVID'S DISMAY AT YAHWEH'S HAVING FORGOTTEN HIM 13:1-2**

**B1 His Complaint at Yahweh's Absence 13:1**

C1 Yahweh's Inattention: *{1}* How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever?

C2 Yahweh's Disregard: How long will You hide Your face from me?

**B2 His Sorrow at His Enemy's Success 13:2**

C1 His Ceaseless Contemplation: *{2}* How long shall I take counsel in my soul,

C2 His Persistent Pathos: *Having* sorrow in my heart all the day?

C3 His Exalted Enemy: How long will my enemy be exalted over me?

**A2 DAVID'S PLEA TO YAHWEH FOR ASSISTANCE 13:3-4**

**B1 His Plea for Assistance 13:3a**

C1 For Response: *{3}* Consider *and* answer me, O LORD my God;

C2 For Enlightenment: Enlighten my eyes,

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<sup>1</sup> Psalm 13: There are certainly different ways to analyze a psalm or any passage of Scripture. Here is the first of two different examples.

**B2 The Consequences of Unanswered Prayer 13:3b-4**

C1 Death: or I will sleep the *sleep of* death, 13:3b

C2 Victory for His Enemies 13:4

D1 Announcement of Victory: {4} And my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"

D2 Anticipation of Jubilation: *And* my adversaries will rejoice when I am shaken.

**A3 DAVID'S EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE IN YAHWEH 13:5-6**

**B1 Faith:** {5} But I have trusted in Your lovingkindness; 13:5

**B2 Joy:** My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

**B3 Praise 13:6**

C1 Vow of Praise: {6} I will sing to the LORD,

C2 Reason for Praise: Because He has dealt bountifully with me.

Expanded Analysis of Psalm 13

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**A1 DAVID'S DIRGE OF YAHWEH'S FORGETFULNESS 13:1-2**

**B1 His Query of Forgetfulness:** {1} How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever?

**B2 His Query of Rejection:** How long will You hide Your face from me?

**B3 His Query of Endless Sorrow 13:2**

C1 His Ceaseless Contemplation: {2} How long shall I take counsel in my soul,

C2 His Persistent Pathos: *Having* sorrow in my heart all the day?

**B4 His Query of His Exalted Enemy:** How long will my enemy be exalted over me?

**A2 THE DIRE CONSEQUENCES IF YAHWEH FAILS TO RESPOND TO DAVID 13:3-4**

**B1 His Plea for an Answer 13:4a**

C1 For Response: {3} Consider *and* answer me, O LORD my God;

C2 For Enlightenment: Enlighten my eyes,

**B2 His Impending Death:** or I will sleep the *sleep of* death,

**B3 The Joy of His Enemies 13:4**

C1 Announcement of Victory: {4} And my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"

C2 Anticipation of Jubilation: *And* my adversaries will rejoice when I am shaken.

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<sup>2</sup> A second Expanded Analysis of Psalm 13 by James T. Bartsch.

**A3 DAVID'S HYMN OF TRUST AND JOY 13:5-6**

**B1 His Resolve of Trust in Yahweh's Loyal Love:** {5} But I have trusted in Your lovingkindness;

**B2 His Joy at Yahweh's Anticipated Salvation:** My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

**B3 His Anticipated Psalm of Thanks**

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