

Scripture Lesson 03-29-20

Psalm 130

A song of rising . . .

From within the suffocating darkness
of what I will never comprehend
I cry out to you, Holy One

—You who exist eternally—

I plead with you:

*Hear my voice!
Force your ears to listen,
to respond to the sound of my pleas!*

But if you kept track of transgressions, Holy One, who would stand?
With you there is forgiveness . . .
. . . in order to inspire reverence.

With my whole being I ache for your ever-eluding vision,
like those who watch for the morning,
even more than those who watch for the morning.

Await the Holy One, all you people with whom God perseveres—
wait expectantly, confidently, defiant against despair—

Because union with the Eternal Existence is “hesed”:
a steadfast, persistent, NEVER-ENDING LOVE
beyond anything we can possibly know with our minds.

And union with God is an exponentially-increasing
and ultimately everlasting
repayment of our crushing debt
in this world and the next.

And God will repay the debt for all of our transgressions,
because we are the people with whom God chooses to persevere.

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Questions in Preparation for Worship:

1. *For what are you “crying out” this week?*
2. *For what are you “watching and waiting”?*
3. *How have you experienced God “repaying our crushing debt”?*
4. *How have you experienced God “persevering” with you?*