

(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

Psalm 129

Alt. Tune: O Breath of Life (DET AR ETT FAST ORD)

♩ = 56

Unison Dm Dm/C Gm7/Bb A sus Am Bb/C

1. Op - pressed, pur - sued by dead - ly e - vil, My God, I
2. Tho' e - vil's threat is ev - er - pres - ent And works to
3. Al - lur - ing lies and vain dis - trac - tions, The Dev - il's
4. His ev - 'ry threat and ev - 'ry prom - ise Will come to

Dm BbM7 C sus C C9/Bb Am D sus Dm

turn to You to - day. You al - ways help me when I
draw my heart a - way, You nev - er leave me to my
words are all un - true. He has no pow'r to love or
noth - ing in the end. E - ter - nal love and all its

Bb Bb/A Gm7 Bb/D F/C Gm7 F

ask You. You al - ways save me when I pray.
weak - ness. Your Spir - it helps me to o - bey.
bless me. He has no pow'r to fol - low through.
bless - ings Are Yours a - lone, my God, my friend!

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MUSIC: Traditional Folk Tune and Ken Bible

PSALM 129
9.8.9.8.

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TOPICS: Folk Tunes; Temptation

LEAD-IN: *“Many times have they persecuted me from my youth up.”
Let Israel now say,
“Many times they have persecuted me from my youth up;
Yet they have not prevailed against me.
“The plowers plowed upon my back;
They lengthened their furrows.”
The LORD is righteous;
He has cut in two the cords of the wicked.
May all who hate Zion
Be put to shame and turned backward;
Let them be like grass upon the housetops,
Which withers before it grows up;
With which the reaper does not fill his hand,
Or the binder of sheaves his bosom;
Nor do those who pass by say,
“The blessing of the LORD be upon you;
We bless you in the name of the LORD.”
(Psalm 129, NASB)*

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Reflection on Psalm 129

The psalmists often pray for
God’s fierce judgment on their enemies.
But Jesus taught us to love our enemies and
pray for them (Matthew 5:43-48),
to do good to them and
bless them (Luke 6:27-28).
Scripture urges us to *overcome evil with good* (Romans 12:21, NASB).

How do we reconcile these two attitudes toward our enemies?
Remember that we are on common ground with the psalmists
when it comes to Satan.

He is evil personified.
He is constantly,
completely,
unalterably
opposed to God and
His people.
He has made himself our enemy in every sense of the word.

Eternal fire has been prepared for him, and
his end is certain (Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:10).

But for us, God has promised:
*No temptation has overtaken you but
such as is common to man;
and God is faithful, who will not allow you
to be tempted beyond what you are able,
but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also,
so that you will be able to endure it.* (1 Corinthians 10:13, NASB)

He never abandons us to our weakness.
If we will simply trust Him,
He always proves Himself to be our
strong,
faithful, unfailing Savior.
We just have to ask!