

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

# MY SOUL IS EVEN AS A WEANED CHILD

## PSALMS 131

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Introduction:

Quote:

Someone once said, “Hope is never ill when faith is well.”

The more a believer matures spiritually, the more childlike his faith will become.

Growing to trust God involves assuming many of the qualities of a young child who looks to his parents with an unquestioning acceptance, trust, and unwavering reliance.

We’re not talking about being childish, which immaturity.

Instability, selfishness and complaining are marks of carnality not maturity.

In these verses the psalmist confesses a simple trust in God.

David confesses his childlike trust in the Lord, urging others to do the same.

Note:

Sermon Content:

## **1. A HUMILITY BEFORE GOD (VS. 1)**

### ***Psalm 131:1***

*<sup>1</sup> LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.*

David begins by making three great denials.

- His Heart Is Not Haughty
- His Eyes Are Not Lofty
- He Didn't Exercise of Concern Himself in Great Matters

If we are going to be used of God we must be humble before God.

Note this list of things that God hates.

***Proverbs 6:16-17***

*<sup>16</sup> These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: <sup>17</sup> A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,*

The very first thing mentioned in this list of things that God hates is a proud look.

Pride can be defined as “Undue confidence in and attention to one's own skills, accomplishments, state, possessions, or position.”

Pride is easier to recognize than to define, easier to recognize in others than in oneself.

Pride is rebellion against God because it attributes to self the honor and glory due to God alone.

Understand:

***Proverbs 16:18***

*<sup>18</sup> Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.*

The psalmist like a child knew he was weak and needed that which only God could do and give him.

Notice secondly:

## **2. A HUSH BEFORE GOD (VS. 2)**

### ***Psalm 131:2***

*<sup>2</sup> Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul is even as a weaned child.*

David wasn't giving God the solution to his problems but was waiting of God to speak to him.

He describes what this humble faith looks like.

It's like a weaned child, possibly between three or four years old, who walks beside his mother, old enough to be weaned, but not old enough to take care of himself, trusting his parents for everything.

As believers we should quietly submit to and trust God to meet our needs and care for us.

That leads us to this final thought.

### 3. HOPE IN GOD (VS. 3)

#### ***Psalm 131:3***

*<sup>3</sup> Let Israel hope in the LORD from henceforth and for ever.*

Childlike trust always has an element of hope.

As a person trusts God, a confidence in God regarding the future fills ones soul.

Hope believes that God is always working toward a positive outcome.

Hope understands:

#### ***Psalm 18:30***

*<sup>30</sup> As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.*

Hope understand:

#### ***Romans 8:28***

*<sup>28</sup> And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

The song writer said it this way:

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness.

I darn not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus name.

Close:

This psalm should be the confession of all believers.

Every believer should have a childlike faith in God.

But such trust is never automatic.

If it were easy, there would be no need for the instruction of this psalm.

Childlike trust must be nurtured.

Although it sounds puzzling, the more one matures in the Lord, the more childlike his faith in the Lord becomes.

We never outgrow a childlike trust in God, one that is unpretentious and unassuming.

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.