PSALM

13

XIII

Lament Trust

Psalms of David · Book I

"For the choir director, a Psalm of David"

PICTURE WORD

Hidden Face

IN ONE SENTENCE

David asks how long God will hide his face, then chooses to trust God's steadfast love and sing.

Remember it: Psalm Thirteen: four times "How long?", then one song of trust.

MEMORY VERSE

But I
in Your steadfast love have trusted
my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation
I will sing to Yahweh
for He has dealt bountifully with me

Psalm 13:5 · the author's translation

HEBREW WORD

אָנָה

"how long" · verse 1

In the Psalms: seven times, in 3 psalms

אָנָה, "how long," is part of the phrase that rings four times in verses 1-2. It is the cry of someone who believes God will act but cannot see when. The question itself is an act of faith: David keeps talking to God while he waits.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

1–2	David asks four times, "How long?"
3–4	He asks God to answer and give light to his eyes.
5–6	He chooses to trust God's love and sing.

MY NOTES

Listen. Hear Psalm 13 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at **ispress.de/psalms/13**.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

Crying Out in Distress · Waiting on God

FILL IN THE BLANKS

David asks how long God will _____ his face, then chooses to trust God's _____ love and _____.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. What does David ask God to give his eyes?

- (A) Tears
- (B) Sleep
- (C) Light
- (D) Rest

2. In what does David trust?

- (A) His army
- (B) God's loving kindness
- (C) His own wisdom
- (D) His friends

3. Why will David sing to Yahweh?

- (A) Because he has been good to me
- (B) Because the enemy left
- (C) Because it is a feast day
- (D) Because the king commanded it

TALK IT OVER

1. What four "How long" questions does David ask?

2. What changes in David between verse 4 and verse 5?

3. What helps you move from complaint to trust when God seems hidden?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 13 TEACH?

- ☐ I listened to the song
- ☐ I can say what it teaches
- ☐ I can say verse 5 by heart
- ☐ I know the picture word

Answers Blanks: hide · steadfast · sing · Check yourself: 1. C (v. 3) · 2. B (v. 5) · 3. A (v. 6)