“How Long? Not Forever”

*Psalm 13*

Sermon Outline

Big Idea—*Suffering while waiting on God’s promises evokes the anguished prayer: how long? The Christmas narrative reminds us of God’s answer to this prayer: not forever.*

**Introduction: A Christmas Prayer (How Long?)**

**Feeling Forgotten**

Key References—Isaiah 49:14–16; Job 2:11b–13; 6:26; Numbers 6:24–25; Psalm 88:14; Genesis 3:15)

**How Do You Respond?**

*1. Ask God to look upon you.* (Key References—1 Samuel 14:27; Psalm 38:10; Genesis 15:2; 32:11–12; Exodus 2:23; Lamentations 5:21–22)

*2. Look behind you and before you.* (Key References—Psalms 105 & 106; Exod. 2:24–25)

**Conclusion: The Christmas Answer (Not Forever)**

Key Reference—2 Corinthians 4:16–18