Psalm 128
A Song of Ascents.

1 Blessed is every one who fears the LORD, Who walks in His ways.
2 When you eat the labor of your hands, You shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.
3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine In the very heart of your house, Your children like olive plants All around your table.
4 Behold, thus shall the man be blessed Who fears the LORD.

* Blessed is...EVERYONE who fears the LORD – Who walks in His ways!
1. Fears = Walks in His ways = Is blessed!
- Fear = Heb “ya-re” = 64T - translated – “fear” 59T, “afraid” 3T, “fearful” 2T
Matthew 10:28 - And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.
Hebrews 9:27–28 - And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.
- Parable - Fishing “fearfully” by the Kootenai River

5 The LORD bless you out of Zion, And may you see the good of Jerusalem All the days of your life.
6 Yes, may you see your children’s children. Peace be upon Israel!

1. The Lord bless you out of Zion
* Jesus – Came “out of Zion” – the City/Tribe of David
2. See the good of Jerusalem
* Jerusalem = “teaching of peace” = Jesus is their peace, is our peace
Ephesians 2:14 (-18) For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

Psalm 129
A Song of Ascents.

1 “Many a time they have afflicted me from my youth,” Let Israel now say—
2 “Many a time they have afflicted me from my youth; Yet they have not prevailed against me.
3 The plowers plowed on my back; They made their furrows long.”

V1-2 - Repetition of the facts – Just like Ps 124:1-2
* Yet they have not prevailed against me! Us! Our Family! Our church!...
V3 – What a word picture! The author has gone through it! They’ve done their best!
* But the Good News…
V4 – The LORD is righteous – He has not forgotten them;
* He is not blind, deaf, Nor indifferent, or uncaring
* He has certainly not forsaken them or become unrighteous!
* He IS Righteous
* He HAS cut in pieces the cords of the wicked!
5 Let all those who hate Zion Be put to shame and turned back, 6 Let them be as the grass on the housetops, Which withers before it grows up, 7 With which the reaper does not fill his hand, Nor he who binds sheaves, his arms. 8 Neither let those who pass by them say, “The blessing of the LORD be upon you; We bless you in the name of the LORD!” * Turn them over to God  
* Get our eyes off them & On the One who is Righteous and Is for us!!!

Psalm 130  
A Song of Ascents.

1 Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD; 2 Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive To the voice of my supplications.  
* In contrast to Psalm 129’s focus on “they” to me!  
* This author is faced with the reality of the sinner he wakes up & looks at in the mirror every morning – Himself!  
* One of the people I meet on short term missions trips is myself, and its not always a pleasant meeting.

Isaiah 6:5 - So I said: “Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts.”  
Luke 5:8 - When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!”

3 If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? 4 But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared.  
V3 - Romans 7:24–25 - O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

V4 - That You may be feared – We ARE guilty, we NEED forgiveness. He could be just/righteous and NOT forgive us!!! We don’t deserve the forgiveness, because we ARE guilty!  
A - And it is only due to His grace and mercy that we can be forgiven!  
A - That is where the fear of the LORD should come from!

5 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, And in His word I do hope. 6 My soul waits for the Lord More than those who watch for the morning— Yes, more than those who watch for the morning. (see that repetition again!)  
1) He waits for the Lord – His soul waits for the Lord  
2) What is he doing while he waits for the Lord – Reading His word – Thus growing faith!  
Romans 10:17 - So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.  
A – Ever been in/place that you were watching for/morning to come/morning to come?  
* Couple time in the military – I couldn’t wait for the morning sun to come!!!  
* You can’t make it come one second sooner, but you also know, it IS COMING, not a matter of IF, but WHEN!  
* What does He need? What is He waiting for? Hoping for?? The forgiveness of His sins  
A – The same thing we need and hope for!!!
7 O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with the LORD there is mercy, And with Him is abundant redemption. 8 And He shall redeem Israel From all his iniquities.

* Hope is in the Lord! Because that’s where mercy is found!
* That’s where abundant redemption (act of redeeming) is found
* Promise – He shall redeem Israel from ALL his iniquities!

1 John 1:9 - 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.