

# CAROLS

Out of the depths I cry to you,  
Lord; Lord, hear my voice.  
Let your ears be attentive  
to my cry for mercy.

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Psalm 130:1-2 NIV

If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you there is forgiveness,  
so that we can, with reverence,  
serve you.

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Psalm 130:3-4 NIV

I wait for the LORD, my whole  
being waits, and in his word I put  
my hope.

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Psalm 130:5 NIV

I wait for the Lord more than  
watchmen wait for the dawn,  
more than watchmen wait for the  
dawn.

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Psalm 130:6 NIV

Israel, put your hope in the Lord,  
for with the Lord is unfailing love  
and with him is full redemption.  
He himself will redeem Israel  
from all their sins.

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Psalm 130:7-8 NIV

And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: And I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.

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Haggai 2:7 KJV

**Waiting**



# The Psychology of Waiting

**Undefined Waiting**

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**Unexplained Waiting**

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**Unfair Waiting**

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**Uncomfortable Waiting**

The story of Christmas  
begins with a promise that would  
require faith to believe it but would  
result in hope as you wait for it.

The story of Israel's waiting for  
Christmas is the *back* story to  
*the* story of Christmas.

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**Psalm 130:5 NIV**

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Psalm 130:6 NIV

**“I will make you into a great nation,  
and I will bless you; I will make  
your name great, and you will be a  
blessing.**

**Genesis 12:2 NIV**

**I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will  
curse; and all peoples on earth will  
be blessed through you.”**

**Genesis 12:3 NIV**



**...kings will come from you.**

**Genesis 17:6 ESV**

...I will make your name great,  
like the names of the greatest  
men on earth...

2 Samuel 7:9-11 NIV

When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom.

2 Samuel 7:12 NIV

He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.

2 Samuel 7:13-16 NIV

**Jerusalem destroyed  
586 B.C.**

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14 NIV

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:7 NIV

Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever...

Isaiah 9:8 NIV



...I will also make you a light for the  
Gentiles, that my salvation may reach  
to the ends of the earth.

Isaiah 49:6 NIV

**“Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord rises upon  
you. See, darkness covers the earth  
and thick darkness is over the  
peoples, but the Lord rises upon you  
and his glory appears over you.**

**Isaiah 60:1-2 NIV**

**Nations will come to your light, and  
kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

**Isaiah 60:3 NIV**

My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to me, because my name will be great among the nations,” says the Lord Almighty.

Malachi 1:11 NIV

**For no word from God will ever fail.**

**Luke 1:37 NIV**

**God may delay in keeping his promises but God never fails to keep his promises.**

**We trust in His promise,  
we hope for his promise, and  
we wait on his promise.**

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**God's promises are  
a portrait of our future.**

**For all the promises of God in Him are  
Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of  
God through us.**

**2 Corinthians 1:20 NKJV**



**God's promises give us hope  
for how things will be in the future  
despite how bad things might  
be in the present.**