

Bay City Wesleyan Church -- Bay City, Michigan

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Sunday Morning Worship Celebration 04-21-2024

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Colossians 1:15-20 NLT

[15] Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, [16] for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. [17] He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. [18] Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything. [19] For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, [20] and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

Hebrews 1:1-5 NLT

[1] Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. [2] And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe. [3] The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven. [4] This shows that the Son is far greater than the angels, just as the name God gave him is greater than their names. [5] For God

never said to any angel what he said to Jesus: "You are my Son. Today I have become your Father." God also said, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son."

Matthew 11:28-30 NIV

[28] "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. [29] Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30] For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

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Psalms 13 is an example of a Psalm of Lament (crying out to the Lord).

Psalms 13:1-6 NLT

[1] O Lord, how long will you forget me? Forever? How long will you look the other way? [2] How long must I struggle with anguish in my soul, with sorrow in my heart every day? How long will my enemy have the upper hand? [3] Turn and answer me, O Lord my God! Restore the sparkle to my eyes, or I will die. [4] Don't let my enemies gloat, saying, "We have defeated him!" Don't let them rejoice at my downfall. [5] But I trust in your unfailing love. I will rejoice because you have rescued me. [6] I will sing to the Lord because he is good to me.

Lament psalms contain the following five elements: An address to God. .
A complaint or lament. A petition for help. A vow of trust. A
vow of praise. These elements are rarely, if ever, packaged neatly in a particular
order (unlike psalms that are arranged by stanza or as an acrostic) since the
emotions in these psalms are usually raw, confusing, and chaotic. Citation: Lament
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