

28 December 2025
Hope in the darkness
Psalm 88, 1 Peter 2:4-10

A prayer of lament after Christmas?

- 1) The **'I'** and **'You'** of the Psalm
 - a. **'I'** am 'overwhelmed by troubles' and 'near death' (v3-5)
 - b. **'You'** are the God who has put the **'I'** where he is (v6-9a)
 - c. **'You'** are 'the God who saves' the **'I'** (v1-2)
- 2) Therefore, if **'You'** don't save, **'I'** cannot declare the praise of **'You'** (v9b-12)
- 3) Why then am **'I'** rejected by 'You' and under **'You'**'r wrath and darkness? (v13-18)

Words of truth and comfort from this psalm

- (the reality of experience) *God hears and validates our cries*
- (the reality of truth) *God is sovereign over our troubles*
- (the reality of salvation) *God is our only hope*
- (the reality of life) *True darkness is spiritual (1 Peter 2:9)*

**We live in the shadow of death and darkness,
where Christ, our God and Saviour is the only hope.**