



Introduction

This Psalm of David shows his trust in God despite his current problems.



Questions

1. Why does David want God to answer him?
2. What does David say death is like?
3. Why does David say he will sing to the LORD?



Summary Points

- **v 1 and 2** David wants to know how long God is going to ignore his problems
- **v 3 and 4** He appeals for God's help against his enemies
- **v 5 and 6** He trusts in God because of his past experience (see theme)

Timeline 970 BC (see below)



Theme

Past experience can encourage us to trust God

A selection of verses showing that past experience can encourage us to trust the God of the Bible:

When the Israelites had escaped from slavery in Egypt and had seen the Egyptian army destroyed, they realised that God had power to help them:

Exodus 14 verses 30 and 31

Before the Israelites crossed the river Jordan in a miraculous way, God told Joshua that what he was about to do should make them trust him:

Joshua 3 verses 9 and 10

God tells the prophet Isaiah that the Jews are his witnesses to everyone that he can be trusted:

Isaiah 43 verses 10 to 12

We can look at their history and see that what God said would happen has happened.

Have a look at the Evidence-You decide (theevidence.org.uk) website to see how the witness of the Jews and other nations can encourage us to trust in God.

God challenges us to find any other god who can foretell the future like he has:

Isaiah 41 verses 21 to 23, 46 verses 9 and 10



Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 3 and 4, Q 2: v 3, Q 3: v 6



Bible timeline

