



Psalm 123

1 A Song of degrees. Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. 2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.

3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt. 4 Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, and with the contempt of the proud.

Outline:

- A. Dependence upon the LORD (vv.1-2)
- B. Prayer for mercy & deliverance (vv.3-4)

Observations:

- 1. "A Song of degrees" – Inspired heading. (from 120 – 134; 15X).
- 2. This Psalm describes the personal and national lament of Israel under persecution.
- 3. They depend upon the LORD.

Lesson: Trouble is often the path to blessings, when we trust in the Lord.

Psalm 124

1 A Song of degrees of David. If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, now may Israel say; 2 If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us:

3 Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us: 4 Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul: 5 Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.

6 Blessed be the LORD, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth. 7 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

8 Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Outline:

- A. The LORD's presence and protection (vv.1-2)
- B. The Overwhelming Destruction (vv.3-5)
- C. Blessed be the LORD (v.6)
- B.' The Overwhelming Destruction (v.6b-7)
- A.' The LORD's name – our help (v.8)

Observations:

- 1. When dangers are eminent or apparent, God is our help.
- 2. He is to be praised for His protection.

Lesson: When caught in a snare, remember that God cares.

Psalm 125

1 A Song of degrees. They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

2 As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about his people from henceforth even for ever.

3 For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

4 Do good, O LORD, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts.

5 As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: but peace shall be upon Israel.

Outline:

- A. Zion is Unmovable because of the LORD (v.1)
- B. As the Mountains (v.2)
- C. The Rod of the Wicked shall not rest (v.3)
- B.' The LORD's goodness (v.4)
- A.' Israel's Peace shall abide (v.5)

Observations:

- 1. There is great comfort for God's people against their enemies.
- 2. We can be steadfast and unmoveable only when we trust in the Lord.
- 3. We pray for God to do good to us, and destruction upon our enemies.

Lesson: When we are upright, we can go right up to God. Our confidence is in Him.