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Church: Safe Harbor Baptist Church

Text: Psalm 123

Title: "I can't take much more"

Introduction:

Degrees comes from a root word that means "ascents" or to "go up, as ascending stairs.

There are 15 of these Psalms in order.

10 are anonymous authors (most people believe Hezekiah), 4 are attributed to David and 1 is title "a song of Degrees for Solomon" (Psalm 127) meaning Solomon was not the author, but it was written for his benefit.

It is commonly agreed that these Psalms were sung by the Israelites when they journeyed to Jerusalem for the 3 feast each year. Passover in the spring, Pentecost in early summer and Tabernacles in the Fall.

It has also been suggested that the Temple had 15 steps, and that the people would sing these Psalms as they ascended the steps of the Temple to Worship God.

I Kings 10:4-5 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built, 5 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the Lord; there was no more spirit in her.

In this text we find in Vs 3-4 that the Psalmist is dealing with a crowd that does not love God, and does not have a respect and reverence for the things of God.

He states that he is "exceedingly filled with contempt"

The word "contempt" in Vs 3 means to "Disdain and Disapproval"

In other words, the Psalmist was Distracted, Discouraged and a Disapproving of the conduct of the wicked.

1. We note their Attack. Vs 4

"Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, and with the contempt of the proud."

The Psalmist is being attacked in 2 ways in this verse and they are both directly connected.

- The Scorning.
- The Contempt of the proud.

The word "Scorning" in this verse means to Mock or to scoff at.

The word Contempt in this text means to Despise with great wickedness.

The word “filled” in this verse gives the idea of being wearied of.

In other words, the Psalmist is getting tired of being mocked, ridiculed and scoffed at by the wicked.

John 15:18-19 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. 19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

The World does not hate us because of who “we” are, they hate us because of who “he” is.

2. We note their Arrogance. Vs 4

“the scorning of those that are at ease,”

We note an identification of those that are mocking and scoffing the Psalmist, they are referred to as “those that are at ease”.

The word “ease” means arrogance, pride, they just don’t care.

There is a crowd out there that are at “ease” in this world.

II Timothy 3:3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

3. We note the Affect. Vs 3

“Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.”

The Psalmist will use this little phrase twice in this short 4 verse Psalm.

“Our soul is exceedingly filled”

Vs 3 “for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.”

Vs 4 “Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning”

In other words, the Psalmist is declaring that he is just “tired of it”.

Have you ever found yourself at a point in this life where the wickedness of the world has wearied you to the point to where you are just tired from it all?

In this Psalm we find a lesson on what to do when we are just tired of it!

End of Introduction:

I. He looks to the Heavens. Vs 1

“Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.”

1. He see's the Greatness of God.

When the Psalmist looked towards the heavens, he was reminded of the greatness of God in the fact that God created the Heavens.

Genesis 1:1

There are 200, Sextillion stars in the Universe.

There are 2 million Galaxies.

And God spoke all these things into existence!

Psalm 8:3-4 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Isaiah 40:12 Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

2. He see's the Glory of God.

“O thou that dwellest in the heavens”

This speaks of the Holiness of God!

Isaiah 6:1-3 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. 2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. 3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

God is the centerpiece of Heaven and eternity!

3. He sees the Government of God.

He is still on the throne!

Psalm 45:6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

Revelation 4:1-3 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. 2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. 3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

He is reminded of the fact that God is still God and he is still in control!

II. He looks to his Hand. Vs 2

- He is **Faithful**.
- He is **Focused**.
- He is **Fervent**.

1. We note the **Position**. Vs 2

“Behold, as the eyes of servants”

The word for servant here is the term for “bond servant”

Meaning that a price had been paid for that servant!

2. We note the **Practice**. Vs 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;”

The context of this verse is referring to the service of the servants.

There job was to watch the hand of their Master. The Master of the house could move his hand a certain way and the Servant knew what he was to do.

3. We note the **Patience**. Vs 2

“so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that he have mercy upon us.”

There would be times when the Master would not have any specific task for the Servant at the moment.

The Servant would not get upset or leave, but rather he would just faithfully stand and wait on the Master.

Isaiah 40:31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

III. He looks for his Help. Vs 2-3

“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.”

1. The **Request** for Help.

“Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:

He is desiring God’s mercy!

2. The **Reason** for Help. Vs 3

“for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.”

The Psalmist did not want end up like the wicked!