

A Song of Ascents.

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O You who dwell in the heavens.

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As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
So our eyes *look* to the Lord our God,
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Psalm 123

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Psalm 123:1-2

1. Eyes lifted up to God

- a) The Lord inhabits heaven
- b) He is the Redeemer and God

2. How should one look up to the Lord?

- a) Humbly
 - i) As men servants
 - ii) As maid servants
- b) Devotedly
 - i) Devotion to a great Master
 - ii) Love and obedience to Him

3. What is looked for?

- a) The mercy of the Lord
- b) This is never to be taken for granted at any time

A DIFFICULT CONTEXT

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Psalm 123:3-4

1. Pleading for mercy from the Lord

2. Reasons:

- a) Held in contempt by wicked ones
- b) Despised and scorned exceedingly

3. The enemies

- a) The wealthy who are at ease
- b) Those who possessed power and were proud

THE WORLD AT LARGE TODAY

1. It is full of evil

- a) The wealthy
- b) The powerful
- c) The abuse of the law and justice

2. Pleading for mercy

- a) From the Lord
- b) Not from man