

PRAYING PSALM 123

The Psalmist prays for deliverance from those who are showing contempt for them.

“Unto You I lift my eyes, O You who dwell in the heavens... Our soul is exceedingly filled with scorn of those who are at ease and the contempt of the crowd (Psalm 123:1, 4).

This psalm gives attention to four subjects: 1. FAITH (1). I will look to You. 2. HOPE (2). We look to God as a slave looks to a master. 3. PRAYER (3a). Have mercy on us. 4. TROUBLE (3b-4). We are filled with contempt for the scornful.

When people show contempt for you, your hope is in Heaven, not from earth. Your hope is in prayer. Don't set your hope on the world. Prayer links faith and hope. “Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1).” When your soul is filled with the scorn of an enemy, you need help from Heaven. Help comes through a hope, which leads to faith. Your hope will come from the Lord of Heaven. In hope, pray for mercy. In hope, pray in faith. Then live by faith in the hope Christ gives. Trust Him to remove the scorn of those who mock you. And believe He will replace it with joy and contentment.