

AN APPEAL TO HEAVEN



Psalm 123 - February 15 to 28

¹ I lift up my eyes to you, to you who sit enthroned in heaven.

² As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a female slave look to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he shows us his mercy.

³ Have mercy on us, LORD, have mercy on us, for we have endured no end of contempt.

⁴ We have endured no end of ridicule from the arrogant, of contempt from the proud.”

The word “eyes” occur four times in this Psalm with two instructions for their gaze; “Lift up” and “look to” the Lord our God. In our spiritual journey we need to train our eyes to look up from our concerns, challenges, fears, and offenses to Him who is enthroned in heaven. (Psalm 89:14).

Suggested Prayer focuses: As pictured in verse 2 look to the Lord - wait in expectant hope, receive the goodness of His love and mercy and give Him thanks. Psalm 25:15, Philippians 4:4-7, Isaiah 64:4, Titus 3:4-5

Look to His directing hand, “Lord, what will you have me to do?” Psalm 32:8-9, Psalm 61:1-2, Proverbs 3: 5-6
Look to His supplying hand; your daily bread and for grace sufficient. Phil 4:19, Matthew 7:7-8, Genesis 22:14
Look to His helping hand. Isaiah 41:10, Isaiah 40:29, 31, Psalm 54:4, 2 Cor. 12:9-10, Psalm 46:1
Look to His protecting hand, “I am yours save me!” Isaiah 42:5-9, 1 Cor 10:13, 2 Thes 3:3, Proverbs 4:6
Look to His correcting hand. 1 Peter 5:6-7, 2 Tim 3:16, Proverbs 3:11-12, 15:5
Look to His rewarding hand. Hebrews 11:6, Col 3:23-24, Galatians 6:9, Prov 3:3-4, James 1:12, Genesis 15:1

Nothing is too difficult for God (Jeremiah 32:17) so lift up your eyes and look to the One who is Merciful.

Pray Psalm 25:16-22 over Israel.

Pray: Have mercy on me O God according to your unfailing love, according to your great compassion blot out my transgression. Wash away all my iniquities and cleanse me from my sin. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, Lord have mercy on me. Psalm 51:1-3