

PSALM 123-128

That Look to the Lord (Psalm 123)

- I. The psalm is a _____ for God's mercy in the face of scorn and contempt
- In verses 1-2, the eyes were turned toward the heavens in vigilant _____ of divine mercy.
 - In verses 3-4, the lips expressed _____ of soul in prayer for divine mercy that seemed too long delayed.
- II. The prayer of the Psalm
- _____ -the psalmist alone addressed God Vs 1.
 - _____ -He speaks for himself and others Vs 2-4.

Thanksgiving for _____ from Enemies (Psalm 124) A psalm of David

- I. _____ of safety and protection: "If it had not been for the Lord who was on our side" Vs 1-5
- _____ the presence of God Vs 1-2
 - The _____ disaster Vs 3-5
- II. Safety and protection: "Blessed be the Lord, who hath not given us as a prey" Vs 6-8
- "We," "our," and "us." The psalm represented the _____ experience. It was an appropriate expression of gratitude and praise by the community in worship.
 - A _____ recognition that their help came from God alone

The _____ Security of God's People (Psalm 125)

- Safety is found in God _____ Vs 1-2
- Safety is for those who set their heart on _____ God Vs 3
- A prayer for the _____ and protection of God on those who serve him Vs 4-5

Abounding Joy, Yet _____ (Psalm 126)

- A testimony of when God _____ his people from captivity (spiritual and physical) Vs 1-3
- The request for God's deliverance _____ from captivity Vs 4-6
 - Verse 5-6 often used for winning souls.
 - Verse 5
 - Tears**
 - "The figurative sense of anxiety for the future" ISBE
 - Tears shed while in captivity _____ God for deliverance
 - Joy**
 - Happiness and _____ fortune
 - The feeling the nation of Israel had when they experienced God's deliverance
 - Verse 6
 - In context, the idea is that the person who _____ his seed, even when the conditions are far from favorable, will eventually _____ a harvest of crops.
 - Thus, the idea of using this verse in relationship to soul winning is not a miss use of Scripture. The key thought here is the _____ of the sower. He is very concerned about reaping a crop of souls thus he _____ his Gospel witness with much prayer and even weeping over the lost.

Dependence on the Lord (Psalm 127)

- Theme: _____ dependence on God in every area of our life
 - In _____ Vs 1-2
 - Not a reference to building the church, but a general reference to _____ and construction Vs 1a

2. A reference to the fact that ultimately _____ comes from God Vs 1b
 3. A reference to the _____ of thinking everything rises and falls on our efforts Vs 2
- B. In _____ life Vs 3-5
1. The size and success of our family rests in the God's _____
 2. Again, the success of our family does not rest in our _____

The Blessedness of the God-_____ (Psalm 128)

- I. The _____ of the poem is the God-fearing man
- II. A _____ is paid to the God-fearer Vs 1-4
 - A. Emphasis on _____ work
 - B. Emphasis on a _____ family
- III. A _____ is pronounced on the God-fearer Vs 5-6