

Psalms 123

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Our Eyes Look to the Lord

- ¹ Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.
- 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; so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.
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- ³ Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.
- ⁴ Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, and with the contempt of the proud.
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God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Heaven — שָׁמַיִם (Shamayim)

Heaven, sky

The Hebrew **shamayim** (שָׁמַיִם) means heaven or sky—God's dwelling place and the realm above earth. 'The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's' (Psalm 115:16), yet 'the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him' (1 Kings 8:27).

Lord — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יהוה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

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Mercy — רַחֲמִים (Rachamim)

Compassion, mercy

The Hebrew **rachamim** (רַחֲמִים) derives from 'womb' (rechem), suggesting tender, maternal compassion. God's mercies are 'new every morning' (Lamentations 3:23), showing His compassionate nature.

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CROSS REFERENCES

Psalms 123:1 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 2:4; 11:4; 25:15; 120:1; 121:1; 132:1; 141:8; Isaiah 57:15; Matthew 6:9; Luke 18:13

Psalms 123:2 **References Lord:** Psalms 25:15; Genesis 49:18. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 32:26; Luke 18:1

Psalms 123:3 **Grace:** Psalms 57:1

Psalms 123:4 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 119:51; Job 12:5; 16:4; Isaiah 32:9; 32:11; Jeremiah 48:11; 48:29; Acts 17:32; 26:24; 1 Corinthians 4:13

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