

Psalm 123

Psalms 123:1-2 [New King James] *“Unto You I lift up my eyes, O You who dwell in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, until He has mercy on us.”*

The reason for the Psalmist’s need for mercy is shown in **verses 3 and 4**.

Psalms 123:3-4 [New King James] *“Have mercy on us, O LORD, have mercy on us! For we are exceedingly filled with contempt. Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorn of those who are at ease, with the contempt of the proud.”*

The Psalmist needed help to live a life that was freed from any contempt for God’s way of life, when he was in a society that was filled with proud and arrogant people who had no need for the influence of the Creator God in their lives.

[Please download and study the article on this website with the title ‘A Life That Has Left God Out Of The Reckoning’ listed under the main heading ‘Human Nature’.]

No human being can ever live a life that is acceptable to the Triune God unless we have a close relationship with Him through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, each a Person within the One Triune God.

John 15:1-8 [New King James] *“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for **without Me you can do nothing**. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.”*

This is the only way we can fulfil the reason for our existence, to glorify God by developing His own character, [“likeness” **Genesis 1:26-27**], as a “fruit” of the active indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Allowing this world’s society to influence us is counter-productive to our attaining this goal.

Therefore we also should pray as the Psalmist did for God’s mercy.