

Sermon: Look to God.
Series: Psalms of Ascent.

Scripture: Psalm 123-124.
Date: July 20, 2025

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) We tend to want to make it through life on our own without looking to God. Is there any area of your life where you can easily see your need for God? Is there an area of your life where you easily forget your need for God?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) How do these two psalms demonstrate both God's love and his sovereignty, or, his ability to help us and his willingness to help us?

b) In what way does Psalm 124 provide an answer to Psalm 123? More specifically, in what way does the God in Psalm 124 provide an answer to Psalm 123?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) How does Psalm 124 point to our complete salvation in Christ and his cross? Think about phrases like "swallowed alive," "swept away in the flood," "prey to their teeth," and "snare of the fowler."

b) Psalm 123 and 124 speak often of the mercy of God. Pastor Jamie connected us to the Jonah story. Jonah was frustrated that God would have mercy on his enemies, the Ninevites. What has been your relationship with God's mercy in Christ? Does it ever frustrate you? Seem lacking? Does God seem too long suffering or patient with "the proud?" Are you aware of God's daily mercy? Grateful for it?

APPLICATION

a) Psalm 123 describes someone who is desperately waiting on God (like a servant waiting for their master to help them). What are you actively waiting on God for these days? How can you trust and serve God while waiting for this rescue?

b) Read Psalm 124:8. In what way does the gospel provide the help or rescue that you are waiting for? Is there a practical way that you need to acknowledge God's rescue of you in and through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit in you?

PRAYER

- Praise God for his great mercy in your life.
- Confess ways that you have looked to things other than God for rescue.
- Thank Jesus for rescuing you from the flood and the fowler.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to bless the Lord this week.