

Series: Journey: The Psalms of Ascent

Text: Psalm 123:1-4

**Main Idea:** Keep looking to the Lord for mercy.

Title/Hook: “I’ve had it up to here!”

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Purpose: To encourage God’s people that as we face opposition and hate from the world we must wait on the Lord, looking to Him for mercy now, but ultimate mercy when Jesus returns to make all things new.

FCF: We need someone to rescue us from our sin the world broken because of our sin, and the world who opposes us who fear the Lord and follow Him. We need mercy, we need ultimate redemption and grace from sin and all its consequences.

COR: We live in a broken and sinful world and as Christians face contempt and scorn from the world...our souls have had more than enough.

Christ Trajectory: Heb. 4:14-16 – Because of Jesus we can humbly *and* Boldly approach God for mercy and help in the time of need.

Apologetic: Do you see the brokenness of this world? What is the solution? What is there really is a God who you can look to for mercy?

Structure: Inductive

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Subject: While surrounded by contempt and scorn, where can one look for mercy?

Complement: Like a servant who looks to their master for mercy, God’s people look to the Lord their God for mercy.

Exegetical Idea: The Psalmist is weary from contempt and scorn, but looks to the Lord for mercy.

Theological Idea: God’s people face contempt from the world but can find mercy from the Lord.

**Homiletical/Main Idea:** Keep looking to the Lord for mercy.

Outline:

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- 1. God’s people become weary of the world around them (vv. 3b-4)**

**Quote – Thomas Manton** – “Pride...it is a lifting up of the heart above God and against God and without God.”

**Quote – Sam Harris** - “It is time that we admitted that faith is nothing more than the license religious people give one another to keep believing when reasons fail.”

**Quote – Joe Rogan** - “Christianity at the end of the day has no proof, everything is mythology.”

## **2. God’s people look to their Master for mercy (vv. 1-3a)**

**Read v. 2 again.**

**Quote- Derek Kidner** - “These servants are watching for relief, not for orders; yet servants they are, still loyal and submissive. They have refused to ease the strain of waiting for God by renouncing him, or to buy off ‘the contempt of the proud’ by joining them.”

**Read v. 2b-3a again**

**Psalm 24:14** - <sup>14</sup> Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;

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**Hebrews 4:14-16** - <sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**Revelation 22:20-21** - <sup>20</sup> He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! <sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

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