

# WHAT SONG IS IN YOUR HEART?

## Psalm 123

### Gazing Upward!

Let me begin our time together by asking this question, “has there ever been a verse of Scripture that has changed your life? Where when you read it and truly understood it, the course of your whole life changed?”

- My experience with Psalm 37:4 / Psalm 16:11

Romans 1:17 / Habakkuk 2:4

- “*The righteous shall live by his faith.*”

That brings us to Psalm 123 which is the 4<sup>th</sup> Psalm in our Sermon Series, “What Song Is In Your Heart?”

#### The Eyes Of Faith (verse #1)

- When troubles come where do your eyes tend to go?
  - Acts 7:54-56
- The Psalmist “lifts up his eyes” to the One enthroned in heaven.
- For those of us that are followers of Christ, that is where our journey of faith began, when we turned our eyes toward Christ for salvation.
  - Repent
- Hebrews 12:1-3
  - Where is that “cloud of witnesses” spoken of here?
  - What is it that is slowing your pace today with your walk in the Lord, we are challenged to lay it aside.
  - The writer of Hebrews challenges us to “fix” our eyes where, on Christ.
    - You become what you gaze at.
  - Who is the “author” and “perfecter” (**completer**) of our faith.

#### The Examples Of Faith (verse#2)

- How will the Psalmist drive his point home to his readers?
  - The Psalmist gives us two examples in this verse.
    - “The eyes of the servant to his master.”
    - “The eyes of the maid to her mistress”
- In Eastern countries, masters often commanded their servants by hand signals.
  - His hand was also the source of:

- Direction
- Provision
- Protection
- But what happens when we take our eyes off of God?

### The Enemies Of Faith (verses #3-4)

- But we have to ask the question what made the Psalmist turn his eyes toward heaven?
  - Many believe that this Psalm was written about a time when the armies of Assyrians had surrounded Jerusalem.
  - Hezekiah was the King and he had tried everything to appease the Assyrian King but nothing worked.
  - The Assyrian King then sent a letter to King Hezekiah that taunted the God of Israel.
  - King Hezekiah takes that letter to the Temple and spreads it out before the Lord.
    - II Kings 19:14-17
- God tells King Hezekiah that He has a plan, and the next morning when the King of Assyria wakes up, 185,000 of his troops lie dead on the ground.