**Adult Sunday School**

May 13, 2012

The Eyes unto the hand of Mother

**Heart Winner to Soul Winner**

Ps 123:1 <<A Song of degrees.>> *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. 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.*

Praying and watching go together.

Looking unto Jesus is the answer for our faith.

Tears dim the eyes, Afflictions swell the heart so big our words slow down.

Many testimonies in the lifting up of the eyes to heaven.

1. The testimony of a believing, humble heart. Faith looks to God in heaven.

2. The testimony of an obedient heart. A man that has his eyes lifted by God, to God, says, Lord, I am thy servant.

3. The testimony of a thankful heart; every good blessing, every perfect gift, is from the hand of God.

4. The testimony of a heavenly heart. He that has his eyes lifted to heaven, his heart is in heaven; his hope and desire is above.

5. The testimony of a devout heart: there is no part of the body besides the tongue that is so great an agent in prayer as the eye.

3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

* More contempt than we realize

Contempt- disrespect, despised, shamed, (utterly despised)

It is one thing to be with contempt, another to be filled with contempt, then to be exceedingly filled with contempt

(Break out to be a soul winner)

Ga 4:29 But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.

Ga 6:12 As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

Naomi learned as Ruth performed.

Ruth’s heart-said, what Naomi’s eyes once said.

Ruth put a soul in Naomi’s arms (Obed-act/faith worshipper, servant)souls won, servants made-Ruth changed Naomi Ruth’s heart (did) Naomi’s eyes opened.

Heb 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Heb 11:27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as **seeing him** who is invisible.

2Ch 20:12 O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.

Ps 123:2 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.

Ps 25:15 ¶ Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Ps 141:8 But mine eyes are unto thee, O GOD the Lord: in thee is my trust; leave not my soul destitute.

Ps 123:3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

“exceedingly filled with contempt”

Ex 28:1 And take thou unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office, even Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons.

2 And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother for glory and for beauty.

Look at the way God commanded Moses in this verse.

Look at the relationship between Aaron and Moses.

Look at the way God told Moses to get the garment for Aaron made, Look! He said it is for YOUR BROTHER.

Aaron would need to be respected, even though he was so familiar. This had to be a hard reality, we disregard those who are close at hand. Jesus said in Mark 6 that “a prophet is without honor in his own country.” **Familiarity breeds contempt – and contempt is the opposite of respect**.

The servants of God should look

(1.) To his master's directing hand, expecting that he will appoint him his work, and cut it out for him, and show him how he must do it. Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?

(2.) To his supplying hand.

Servants look to their master, or their mistress, for their portion of meat in due season

Ps 104:28 That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

Pr 31:15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

And to God must we look for daily bread, for grace sufficient; from him and we must receive it thankfully.

(3.) To his assisting hand. If the servant cannot do his work himself, where must he look for help but to his master? And in the strength of the Lord God we must go forth and go on.

(4.) To his protecting hand. to right them when wronged;

If the servant meet with opposition in his work, if he be questioned for what he does, if he be wronged and injured, who should bear him out and right him, but his master that sent him to work? When the people of God, are persecuted, they may appeal to their Master, We are yours; save us.

(5.) To his correcting hand.

If the servant has provoked his master to beat him, he does not call for help against his master, but looks at the hand that strikes him, till it shall say, MERCY,GRACE, LOVE

Isa 57:16 For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have made.

Isa 9:13 For the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them, neither do they seek the LORD of hosts.

Turneth not--the design of God's chastisements; not fulfilled in their case; a new cause for punishment.

1Pe 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

Ge 16:6 But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

The people of God were now under his rebukes; and whither should they turn but to him that smote them?

To whom should they make supplication but to their Judge? They will do as Hagar did, who ran away from her mistress but they should submit themselves to and humble themselves under God's mighty hand.

(6.) To his rewarding hand. The servant expects his wages, his well- done, from his master. Hypocrites have their eye to the world's hand; thence they have their reward (Mt 6:2); but true Christians have their eye to God as their rewarder.