

The Psalms of Ascents

Wednesday

Psa. 124

After entering into the church life the psalmist became a servant serving God: “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” (123:2). After entering into the church life we need to consecrate ourselves to the Lord so that we can become His servants to serve God.

In Psalm 124 the psalmist experienced the Lord’s help. When we grow in life, we will eventually find out that it was because God helped us. This is like Romans chapters 1 to 8 where Paul described the entire journey of a Christian from being condemned in sin, being justified, growing in life, being sanctified, being transformed, and being glorified. After all these things, Paul concludes with Romans 8:31: “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?” Who can accuse those whom God has chosen? “Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies” (v. 33). “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?” (v. 35). There are many environments and sufferings in this world. Nothing can separate us from the love of God. This is the testimony that Paul gave us in the New Testament.

This is also the testimony of the psalmist in Psalm 124. This is the conclusion of the first stage of the Psalms of Ascents. “If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, When men rose up against us, Then they would have swallowed us alive... Then the waters would have overwhelmed us, The stream would have gone over our soul” (vv. 2-5). All this persecution cannot harm us because God has helped us. In following the Lord, we need to experience that it is God who helps us.