

The Psalms of Ascents

A Humble, Calmed and Quieted Soul (1)

Week 4 – Monday

Psa. 51:1-7 – Footnotes 1², 5¹, 6¹, 7¹

We thank the Lord that He gave us the Psalms of Ascents. In the previous message we shared about the experience in the depths. The depths that we shared yesterday are regarding all the troubles, difficulties, afflictions and persecutions that we go through. All these experiences in the depths cause us to realize that we are just sinners; we are fallen human beings. We are not reliable. If God's hands let us go, we have no idea where we will end up. So the Bible says that we must look to the Lord for mercy for our whole life. Without God's mercy we have no idea where we will end up. Sometimes we felt that we were pretty good, but under the Lord's light we realize that we are nothing. The only thing that we can do is to look for His mercy. I still remember that once Watchman Nee said that if it was not for God's mercy, he would not know where he would end up. Our brother Watchman Nee lived in the twentieth century. He was one of the great servants used by the Lord. One time someone was talking about Watchman Nee, criticizing him behind his back. A sister went and told Watchman Nee about that. How did he react? He said, "Sister, I am even worse than what they said." He said that because he knew himself. Those who know themselves wait upon the Lord and seek His word like the watchmen waiting for the dawn.