**Keep Climbing**

Psalm 123

Living a consecrated, holy life is hardly the popular route.

Psalm 123 reminds us to keep climbing regardless of the

pressure from the world to do otherwise.

**Climb over Discouragement. (**vv. 1-2)

*“I lift up my eyes to you, to you whose throne is in heaven. As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid look to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he shows us his mercy.”*

 **1.** We keep on climbing when we have a proper **Perspective.**

 (Rom. 8:31).

 **2.** We keep on climbing when we have a meaningful **Purpose**.

 (Heb. 12:1-2).

*“Our souls are not hungry for fame, comfort, wealth or power.*

*Those rewards create as many problems as they solve.*

*Our souls are hungry for meaning.”*

(Harold Kushner)

**Climb upon the Mercies of God. (**vv. 3-4)

*“Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us, for we have*

*endured much contempt. We have endured much ridicule*

*from the proud, much contempt from the arrogant.”*

 **1.** We keep on climbing when we realize God’s power gives

 **Endurance** skills (1 Cor. 10:13).

 **2.** We keep on climbing when we understand God’s power helps

 us to **Overcome** the enemy (1 John 4:4).

 **3.** We keep on climbing when we realize God’s **Mercy** is

 available (Rom. 12:1-2).

**Galatians 6:9, tells us:**
***“So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a* *harvest of blessing if we don’t give up.”***