

**THE UPWARD LOOK**

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**Psalm 121: 1-2**

**“I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, From whence cometh my help, My help cometh from the Lord, which made Heaven and Earth” Ps. 121:1-2**

**1. This resolve by the psalmist is worthy noting:**

- a) we have no way of knowing the author of this Psalm
- b) The resolve to look to the hills indicates that the author was familiar with the hills and he was enchanted by them

**2. The second portion of our opening text clarifies the meaning of the first verse:**

The upward look is, in reality, directed to the Lord, who has Heaven and Earth under His control.

It is from the Lord that we receive our help!!

- Members receive help from Him
- The youth receive help from Him
- Church elders receive help from Him
- Church leaders receive help from Him
- Pastors receive help from Him

Beloved; What are the biblical implications for the upward look?

**THE UPWARD LOOK AS USED IN THE BIBLE IMPLIES A NUMBER OF  
IMPORTANT MOVES BY MEN**

**-It indicates faith in God and His providences:**

- a) Our Saviour was accustomed to heaven – directing His supplications to his Father – Mark 6:41; 7:34; Matt. 14:19.
- b) He admonishes his believers to look up, in so doing they demonstrate their faith in God – Luke 21:28.
- c) Writes the Psalmist, “My voice shalt thou hear in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up” – Ps. 5:3
- d) “Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, o thou that dwellest in the heaven. Behold as the eyes of the servant look unto the hand of their master, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, Until He have mercy upon us” – Ps.123:1-2

**1. It indicates, further, childlike dependence upon god:**

- a) Says Jesus, “For without me, Ye can do nothing”- John 15:5  
We need to realize that without him we can do nothing – nothing is nothing – its Zero.

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- b) And he teaches us to say to our heavenly Father, "Give us this day our daily bread" – Matt.6:11
- c) Also, we know our heavenly father's love and compassion for us that is why we look up to Him "like as a Father pitieth his children so the Lord pitieth them their fear him: - Ps.103:13

### **THE UPWARD LOOK AND ITS SPECIAL BLESSINGS:**

1. Note God's special invitation to a sin-sick and troubled world:
  - (a) "look unto me, and be ye saved, all the end of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else" – Is. 45:22
  - (b) When Israelites were bitten by the poisonous serpents, God had Moses prepare a brazen serpent and had it set up upon a hill and whoever would look up to that serpent would live – Num.21:8-9; John 3 :14
  - (c) By beholding the lord of glory, we become changed into the same image – 2 Cor.3:17-18
2. The upward look to the Creator of heaven and earth becomes imperative for us in view of:
  - (a) The greatness of our need – (1) Trails and temptations: (11) Uncertainties – joy or sorrow, sore perplexities, calamities, distress, pain and facing death
  - (b) The insufficiency of human help – we naturally look to friends for sympathy but there come moments in life when human help avails nothing
  - (c) We are warned in Scripture not to lean on human help –compare Ps.146:3 with Jer .17:6-9; Ps. 62;5-9

- Our help is in God:

  - a) This has been in past ages and ever will be the testimony of the saints: Examples: Samuel said, 'Hither to hath the Lord helped us" : the three Hebrew boys acknowledged the help of Jehovah – so did Daniel – Dan.3:17-22: 6:20-21: Heb.11
  - b) He is able to supply all our needs, for With Him are the resources of omnipotence – Phil.4:19
  - c) The blessings in the storehouse of our heavenly father await our demand – **if we lack them it is because we do not ask for them** – Jam. 4: 1-3
3. Ultimately:
  - a) The waiting saints are accustomed to looking up to heaven – for there is the savior making preparations to take them to heaven too
  - b) They look up to Him for blessings
  - c) They look up to Him for guidance in leading His church
  - d) They look up to Him for wisdom in their daily life
  - e) They look up to Him for the fulfillment of His promises to come again
  - f) They will look up and see Him coming in the clouds – Acts 1:9-11; Is.22:9; Heb.9:28
  - g) Look up to Him, when things are bad. Look up Him when things are good
  - h) Look up to Him for his coming is near

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- We as leaders have a responsibility of calling up the church –to look up to Jesus
- As a church we have a divine mission of sharing the gospel, of calling upon the world, our friends, our workmates, our relatives and our neighbors to look up to Jesus – The author and finisher of our faith.
  
- Some one needs to come and Look Up to Him today.

**APPEAL:**

- Is there someone here and now who would like to look up to Jesus!
- Look up to Jesus for the forgiveness of sin
- Look up to Jesus to accept Him as your personal Savior!

**This is your opportunity!**

- Heaven knows you are there! And because you are there longing to accept the man of Calvary, I invite you just now to raise up your hand for Jesus;
- As you look up to Him I invite to come forward to Jesus accepting Him as your personal savior and as Lord of your life.
- Come now! Now is your time! Now is day! Now is the hour!
- Come! Come! Come my brother come, come my sister come- Come and Look Up to Him as he looks to you and I....

God bless you! God bless you! God bless you indeed!

**AMEN and AMEN!!**