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RE- FLECTING GOD

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Psalm 123:1-6

David's lament expresses the yearning of a soul for hope and deliverance, and he gives voice to honest questions that haunt the mind during extended personal suffering. David's questions reveal an agony over a sense of God's abandonment, doubts over self-reliance for resolution, and frustration over the advancement of others. However, David did not cry out a litany of faithless complaints; he gave us a beautiful, instructive prayer. Prayer believes that God cares about people, even when they do not sense it. If there is hope in the heart and one prays to God for assistance, fervent prayer does not go unheeded (see James 5:17). Trusting in God's faithfulness is not dependent on seeing the end of suffering (see Hebrews 11:39-40). There is a rabbinic expression about trusting in the relationship between God's plan and our deliverance: "God's victorious salvation is our salvation; we are one!" (Midrash Shocker Tov). Our trust in God should result in an internal and external response: a rejoicing heart and singing God's praise regardless of our present circumstances.

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