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Psalm 123:2

“Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eye of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress, so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, until He has mercy upon us.” Psalm 123:2

The servant or slave of years past had no choice but to look with a certain fear to the eye of their master. The slave’s owner held absolute sway – life or death – over their lives. There were no trade unions to protect their rights or to look after their living conditions or bargain for better wages – they might even have asked, “what wages?” To see displeasure in the master or mistress’ eyes would most certainly mean some sort of punishment or worse!

The eyes reveal the soul. The look of fear or pleading has given way for the believing Christian to the “look of faith.” It is a look, no longer of fear or expectation of punishment, for the Saviour’s love has cast out that fear along with its punishment! “Here in is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment, because as He is *now*, so are we *now* in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has punishment. He that fears is not made perfect in love. We love Him, because He first loved us.” (1 John 4:17 – 19).

Having received mercy from God we are now free to “look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith” (Hebrews 12:2), without fear or expectation of judgment, for He has borne our sin and punishment upon Calvary’s tree.

Hope now fills our thoughts, joy our hearts, and faith our words!

Surely God will have mercy upon us!

Surely God will do us good!

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