

Looking to God—Love

Sunday October 31, 2021

Series: Looking to God

*“I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.”*

Psalm 121:1–2 ESV

(Also Genesis 2:4, Genesis 2:7)

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He wants to have a personal relationship with ME!**

I. What Do We Know About the Lord?

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Psalm 121:2 ESV

We Only Know What He Chose to Reveal to Us

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Isaiah 55:8–9 ESV

He Has Chosen to Reveal Himself to Me

1. General Revelation

“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.”

Psalm 19:1–3 ESV

(Also Romans 1:19-20)

2. Special Revelation

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 3:16–17 ESV

Four Dimensions of God’s Love for Me

“Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.” *1 John 4:8 ESV*

1. Benevolence

(Note John 3:16-17)

“It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.”

Deuteronomy 7:7–8 ESV

“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”

John 15:13 ESV

(Also Matthew 6:25-34)

2. Grace

“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,”

Titus 3:4–5 ESV

“The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,”

Exodus 34:6 ESV

3. Mercy

“Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.” Micah 7:18 ESV

“And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”

Matthew 9:35–36 ESV

4. Persistence

“The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,”

Exodus 34:6 ESV

“because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.”

1 Peter 3:20 ESV

“The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.”

2 Peter 3:9 ESV

“Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.”

Matthew 18:22 ESV

Who or What am I Looking to for Help?

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