

Psalm 122

A fervent and attentive prayer, to be delivered from captivitie, or any other affliction.

A prayer in affliction.

The 7. key.

A gradual Canticle.

To thee have I lifted up mine eyes, which dwellest in the heavens.

²Behold as the eyes ^aof servants, are on the hands of their masters,

As the eyes ^bof the handmaide on the hands of her mistress: for are our eyes to our Lord God until he have mercy on us.

³Have mercy on us *ô* Lord, have mercy on us: because we are ^cmuch replenished with contempt.

⁴Because our foul is ^dmuch replenished: reproach to them that abound, and contempt to the proud.

^a Servants expecting necessities at their masters hands, are commonly very attentive to receive that which they hope for: for must the faithful praying God, be very attentive, and not distracted in their prayers.

^b An other example of handmaidens, who generally are more diligent than men.

^c Though God suffer his servants to sustain some affliction and reproach, yet he heareth and delivereth them before they be oppressed.

^d Seeing persecution still increase, or continue long, the faithful are then specially to conceive hope of speedy relief.