

THE ASCENT

PSALMS 120-134

PART 4
Adjust Your Attitude



Psalm 123

I lift up my eyes to you, to you whose throne is in heaven.

As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid look to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he shows us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, O LORD, have mercy on us, for we have endured much contempt.

We have endured much ridicule from the proud, much contempt from the arrogant.



Our attitudes...
must be regularly **checked** & then
our orientation **adjusted** to line up
with God's Word, call and purpose.

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We have to adjust our perspective

“I lift up my eyes to you... whose throne is in heaven.”

VERSE 1

The true disciple doesn't look
at God or down on God

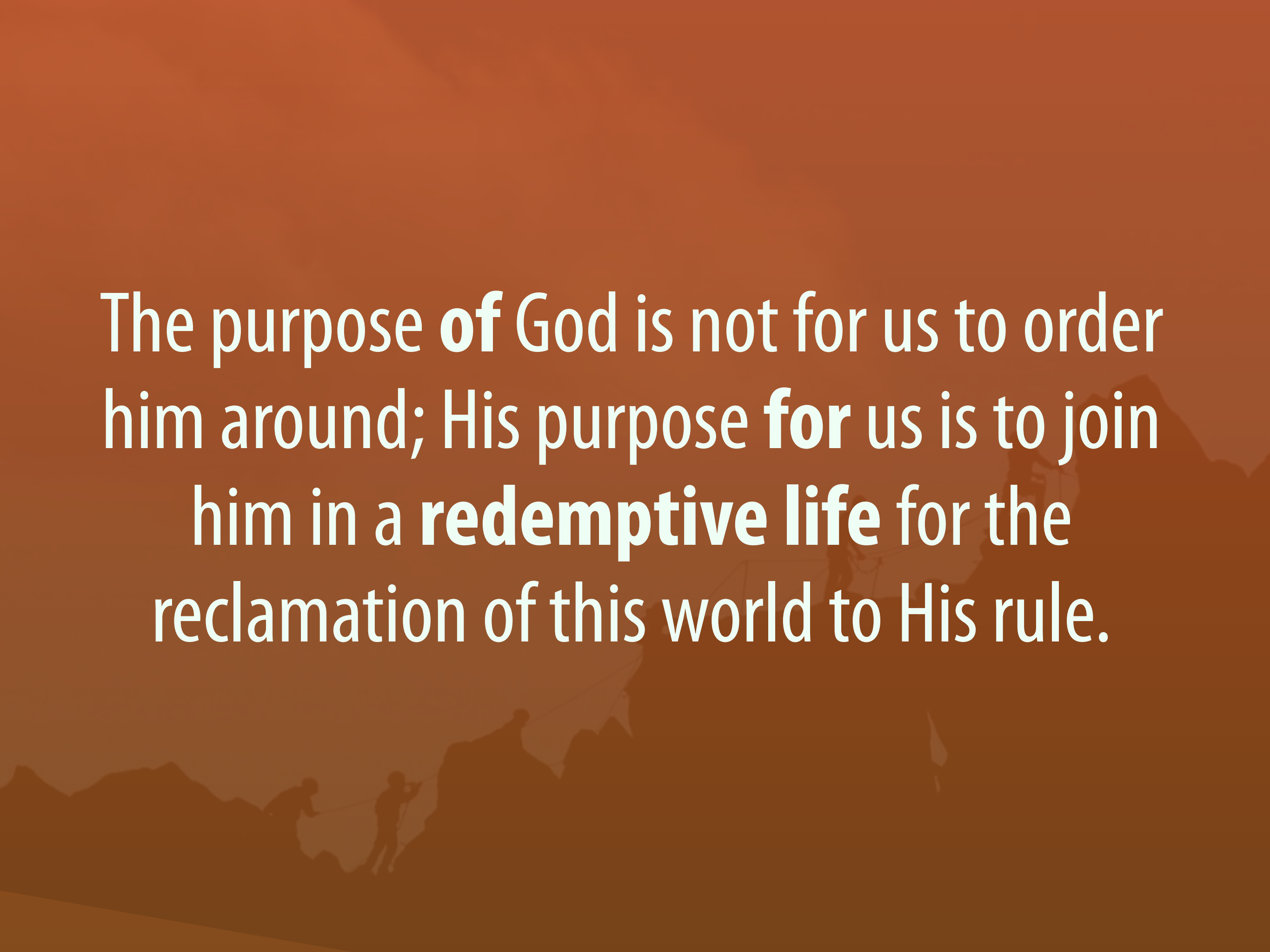
...but up to God



*The richness of your discipleship
hangs on how you view God.*

your perspective

The purpose **of** God is not for us to order him around; His purpose **for** us is to join him in a **redemptive life** for the reclamation of this world to His rule.

The background of the slide features a silhouette of a mountain range with several figures climbing. The scene is set against a warm, orange-toned sky, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall aesthetic is serene and evocative, complementing the text's theme of reclamation and journey.



Heaven doesn't refer to geography
it refers to relationship.

Relationship puts us in
proper alignment to him.

If we're to approach God properly, serve him successfully and journey with him joyfully, we have to do it from that right relationship.



Second

We have to adjust our orientation

“As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid look to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, til he shows us his mercy.”

VERSE 2



*True disciples are servants of the
God we look up to, who is above
all and rules over all.*

*We exist to serve His
purposes, not ours!*



*"Not my will, but
Thine be done!"*

Third

We “get” to adjust our expectations

“Have mercy on us, O LORD, have mercy on us, for we have endured much contempt. We have endured much ridicule from the proud, much contempt from the arrogant.”

VERSE 3 - 4



God's mercy
always expresses itself as
proactive loving-kindness.



God's mercy

is grounds for our
worship.

The background of the image is a solid orange color. In the lower half, there is a faint, semi-transparent silhouette of a mountain range. Several figures are visible on the mountain peaks, appearing to be climbing or standing. The overall tone is warm and motivational.

God's mercy

is grounds for our
confidence, joy and peace.

The background of the slide is a solid blue color. In the lower half, there is a faint, dark blue silhouette of a mountain range. Several figures are shown climbing the mountains, with ropes and gear visible, suggesting a challenging ascent.

God's mercy

is grounds for our
forgiveness.

The background of the image shows a group of people climbing a steep, rocky mountain. They are silhouetted against a bright, hazy sky, likely at sunrise or sunset. Ropes and cables are visible, suggesting a technical climb. The overall color palette is a warm, monochromatic orange-brown.

God's mercy

is grounds for our
gratitude.

God's mercy

is grounds for our
appeal for help.



*“God’s mercy lodges
in his heart, but it
expresses itself
through his hands.”*

William Barclay

A hiker with a backpack stands on a mountain ridge at sunset. The background shows rolling hills and a warm, golden sky. The text is overlaid in a white, serif font.

*“Therefore know that the LORD your God,
he is God, the faithful God who keeps
covenant and mercy for a thousand
generations with those who love him and
keep his commandments.”*

DEUTERONOMY 7:9



"Amazing Grace"

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