

“What a pretty view!”

By Roberto Bruno

I recently read an interesting sociological study of a group of mountain climbers in Max Lucado’s book *“The Great House of God.”* Lucado said that “the sociologist observed a distinct correlation between cloud and contentment. When there was no cloud cover and the peak was in view, the climbers were energetic and cooperative. When the gray clouds eclipsed the view of the mountaintop, the climbers were sullen and selfish”.

We can totally relate to the mountain climbers as Christian. As long as we keep our eyes on Jesus even though at times things can be tough, we still can have hope and confidence that things are going to be alright. It is when our eyes are diverted away from God that discouragement can suck us down. Colossians 3:1-2 says “...set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things”. We must make up our minds and set our hearts on things above, believing that God is our constant source of help. Troubles, difficulties, negative circumstances can cloud our view on God and shift our focus on earthly, temporary things, which may not be useful to us.

Let’s follow in suite with King David when he says, “*I will lift up my eyes to the hills— from whence comes my help?*” Psalms 121:1. King David continued to keep his eyes trained onto God regardless of his situation.

Job was a bit more direct when it came to trusting God. Job said, “*Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him*”. Job 13:15. Basically what that means is, “I’ll trust God even if He kills me!”

Don’t let the cloud cover of life dictate your level of trust with God. If we can see God working or if we can’t, He is faithful. At this time we may not see the mountaintop of victory but it doesn’t mean it is not there.

So! The spiritual forecast for this week, will be cloudy with a good chance of rain... I say “let it rain, Lord!” Or as the chorus puts it, “*Open the windows of heaven and let it rain, oh let it rain...*”

