

A Study of the Psalms

Psalm 131 - 134

Psalm 129:5-8

Psalm 120-134

- Psalms 120-134 are called “Songs of Ascent.”
 - These psalms may have been sung as pilgrims made their way to Jerusalem to worship the Lord.
 - All ceremonially clean and able-bodied men were required to journey to Jerusalem each year for all three feasts.
 - Passover
 - Feast of Weeks (Pentecost or Harvest Feast)
 - Feast of Tabernacles (Feast of Booths)

Psalm 131

- The Song of a Humble and Quiet Heart.

Psalm 131

- 1 LORD, my heart is not haughty, Nor my eyes lofty. Neither do I concern myself with great matters, Nor with things too profound for me. ***1 Pet 5:5-7; 1 Tim 6:3-8**
- 2 Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, Like a weaned child with his mother; Like a weaned child is my soul within me.
- 3 O Israel, hope in the LORD From this time forth and forever.

Psalm 132

- David and the Ark of the Lord.
 - *This psalm may have been sung in exilic times, showing the people's faith that God would remember His promise to David.*
- David's vow. vs 1-5

Psalm 132

- 1 LORD, remember David And all his afflictions;
- 2 How he swore to the LORD, And vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob: **2 Samuel 7:1-17**
- 3 “Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house, Or go up to the comfort of my bed;
- 4 I will not give sleep to my eyes Or slumber to my eyelids,
- 5 Until I find a place for the LORD, A dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob.”

Psalm 132

- David and the Ark of the Lord.
 - *David's vow. vs 1-5*
 - *The fulfilment of David's vow. vs 6-10*

Psalm 132

6 Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah; We found it in the fields of the woods.

7 Let us go into His tabernacle; Let us worship at His footstool.

8 Arise, O LORD, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength.

***vs 8-10 is answered
in vs 14-18.**

9 Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness,
And let Your saints shout for joy.

10 For Your servant David's sake, Do not turn away the face of Your Anointed.

Psalm 132

- David and the Ark of the Lord.
 - *David's vow. vs 1-5*
 - *The fulfilment of David's vow. vs 6-10*
 - The promise of the Lord to David and to Zion.
vs 11-18

Psalm 132

- 11 The LORD has sworn in truth to David; He will not turn from it: “I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body.
- 12 If your sons will keep My covenant And My testimony which I shall teach them, Their sons also shall sit upon your throne forevermore.”
- 13 For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His dwelling place:

Psalm 132

- 14 “This is My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
- 15 I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her poor with bread.
- 16 I will also clothe her priests with salvation, And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.
- 17 There I will make the horn of David grow; I will prepare a lamp for My Anointed.
- 18 His enemies I will clothe with shame, But upon Himself His crown shall flourish.”

Psalm 133

- Brotherly Unity.

Psalm 133

- 1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell together in unity!
- 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head,
Running down on the beard, The beard of
Aaron, Running down on the edge of his
garments. ***Possibly the consecration of Israel**
- 3 It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending
upon the mountains of Zion; For there
the LORD commanded the blessing—Life
forevermore. ***Could refer to moisture for the crops.**

Psalm 133

Mt. Hermon – a mountain on the northeastern border of Palestine and Lebanon and overlooking the border city of Dan.



Psalm 134

- An Exhortation for the Night Watch.

Psalm 134

- 1 Behold, bless the LORD, All you servants of the LORD, ***the Levitical priests** Who by night stand in the house of the LORD!
- 2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, And bless the LORD.
- 3 The LORD who made heaven and earth Bless you from Zion!