

PSALM 132 – The Eternal Dwelling of God in Zion

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Psa 132:13 For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His dwelling place:

Psa 132:14 "This is My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

THE HOLY CITY – Andre Rieu (5:15)

Last night I lay a sleeping There came a dream so fair, I stood in old Jerusalem Beside the temple there I heard the children singing And ever as they sang, Me thought the voice of Angels From Heaven in answer rang

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Lift up you gates and sing, Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna to your King!"

And then me thought my dream was chang'd The streets no longer rang. Hush'd were the glad Hosannas The little children sang. The sun grew dark with mystery, The morn was cold and chill As the shadow of a cross arose Upon a lonely hill

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Hark! How the Angels sing, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King!"

And once again the scene was chang'd New earth there seem'd to be, I saw the Holy City Beside the tideless sea The light of God was on its streets The gates were open wide, And all who would might enter And no one was denied. No need of moon or stars by night, Or sun to shine by day, It was the new Jerusalem That would not pass away "Jerusalem! Jerusalem Sing for the night is o'er Hosanna in the highest Hosanna for evermore!

Psalms 132

This Psalm is, more or less, dedicated to David who made Jerusalem the center of worship for the nation of Israel. During the time of Saul's reign, the Ark and the tabernacle were in Gilboa. It was then captured at the end of Saul's reign by the Philistines who found that they could not live with the Ark and thus they sent it back to the Israelis who carried it to the House of Obededom in Kirjath Jearim. It remained up until the time that David came to the throne. Once David was established upon the throne one of the first things that he desired to do was to bring the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem to make the tabernacle there in Jerusalem so that that would become the place of worship for the nation. It would become the religious center of the nation so that when the people came to worship the Lord on the feast days they would be coming to Jerusalem, to Mount Zion, to the place that God had chosen for the ark to dwell. This is the songs of the pilgrims as they were coming to Jerusalem to worship God. In the coming to Jerusalem to worship God there is that realization of the reason why we are coming to Jerusalem is because of what God laid upon the heart of David to do.

The Lord Has Chosen Zion A Song of Ascents

Psa 132:1 A Song of Ascents. LORD, remember David And all his afflictions;

- David had his share of afflictions!

Psa 132:2 How he swore to the LORD, And vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob:

Psa 132:3 "Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house, Or go up to the comfort of my bed;

Psa 132:4 I will not give sleep to my eyes Or slumber to my eyelids,

Psa 132:5 Until I find a place for the LORD, A dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."

- Vs. 1-5 – David's burden to establish Jerusalem as the place of worship for the nation of Israel. It was on his heart, after his palace had been built, these great buildings had been built in Jerusalem. After he had peace with all his enemies. When he was in that place, all he could think about the Ark of the Covenant, which represented the presence of God, is in another city, in a humble environment of somebody's private home. He wants to bring that Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem, to establish Jerusalem as the place of worship for the Jews.

- I am not going to be content. I am not going to rest until I created a place for the Ark of the Covenant where the people could come and worship God. It was just on the heart of David to do. So much so that he was determined not to rest in his own home, his own tabernacle. He was not going to rest until he created this place for God, that we can rest this tabernacle there where God can dwell there in the midst of the people.
- Now we know that later in David's life, as he had then built a palace and he was dwelling in the palace, they were still worshipping the Lord in the tabernacle the tent. David said one day, sitting there in his palace and enjoying all the luxuries of the palace. Maybe he saw the old tent flapping in the wind "That's not fair, that's not right. God is living in a tent and me living in a house." He was determined that he was going to build this magnificent for the Lord. He told his friend Nathan that he was going to build this marvelous temple to place the ark of the Covenant, a place for God to dwell. Nathan said, "David that sounds great!" God short-circuited that plan. He came to Nathan in the night and said to tell David that he cannot build the house. That is when God said, "Tell him I'll build him a house! God promised that the Messiah would come!"
- It was a disappointing thing to David that God would reject him from building the house. God said, "Your hands are too bloody. I cannot have you building a house for Me. Your son will build it." David said, "God didn't say anything about not planning it," so David drew up the plans. He said, "God didn't say anything about not gathering the materials," so David gathered all of the gold and everything else for the house of the Lord. Again, David's concern with the place of worship, the house of the Lord. In bringing and setting up the tabernacle, it was so that they could bring in the Ark of the Covenant so that the people would have a place to come and worship God!
- Notice David's desire to set aside his personal comforts to devote himself this building God a house of worship. How are we living in this regard?

Psa 132:6 Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah; We found it in the fields of the woods.

- Vs. 6-10– David's event in bringing the Ark of the Covenant from Kirjath Jearim to Jerusalem.

Psa 132:7 Let us go into His tabernacle; Let us worship at His footstool.

Psa 132:8 Arise, O LORD, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength.

- Kirjath Jearim was in Ephrathah. That is where David went to get the ark to bring it onto Jerusalem.
- The first time, they tried to bring the Ark on a cart. That totally failed! The second time it was done according to God's word. The Ark had to be borne by man. Just like we have to bear in our hearts, we have to carry that in our hearts the good news of the gospel. His mercy, His grace, and His truth, giving us victory over sin and death to be with Him forever!
- We will go into the tabernacle and worship at His footstool. ***Arise, O LORD, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength. It would be set up*** there in the tabernacle, there in Jerusalem. We have established this place of worship!

Psa 132:9 Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, And let Your saints shout for joy.

Psa 132:10 For Your servant David's sake, Do not turn away the face of Your Anointed.

- Here was all of this excitement of the people to witness this event!

Psa 132:11 The LORD has sworn in truth to David; He will not turn from it (Jesus Christ from the fruit of David will establish His throne throughout the world!): "I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body.

- God's promise to David in all of this. David could not build the temple, but he did everything possible, up to that point of building by planning, designing and accumulated all the materials needed. All he cared about that God would be established at the center of the national life of Israel.
- In second Chronicles, chapter six this was the close of Solomon's prayer of dedication for the temple. These verses beginning with verse nine, you have Solomon's prayer, (***2Ch 6:40-42***) *Now, my God, I pray, let Your eyes be open and let Your ears be attentive to the prayer made in this place. [41] "Now therefore, Arise, O LORD God, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength. Let Your priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, And let Your saints rejoice in goodness. [42] "O LORD God, do not turn away the face of Your Anointed; Remember the mercies of Your servant David.*

- You can see the parallel between this psalm and the close of Solomon's prayer. It could be that Solomon was quoting this at the end of his prayer.
- God made the promise to David that from the fruit of his body he would set one upon the throne. (2Sa 7:16) *And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.* David understood that to mean that the Messiah who would reign forever would be descendant of David. He rightly interpreted it that way. God promised that there would never cease to be one of David's seed sitting upon the throne, but it was a conditional promise.

Psa 132:12 If your sons will keep My covenant And My testimony which I shall teach them, Their sons also shall sit upon your throne forevermore."

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- The promise that God made to David concerning his children sitting upon the throne, the dynasty of David. It is being a perpetual dynasty was conditional upon them keeping God's covenant and testimony. However, David's descendants did not. By the time you get to Zedekiah, they had turned away from the Lord. They had turned to idolatry. Thus, they were destroyed. They went into captivity and God predicted the end of that dynasty.
- Notice here and this is a quoting of the promise that God made that it was conditional. David's descendants broke the condition. But underneath it all, the promise was fulfilled in Jesus. He shall reign forever and ever. He shall never cease sitting upon the throne. We see the other promise, (Isa 9:6-7) *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. [7] Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.*
- That promise will be fulfilled through Jesus Christ the Messiah, who is coming and who will reign forever upon the throne of David. There shall never cease one of David's seed sitting upon the throne. That is the thing when God told him that, which really wiped him out.
- *For the LORD has chosen Zion [Jerusalem]; He has desired it for His dwelling place.* They are coming to Jerusalem to worship God because God had chosen this as his place to dwell and to meet the people.

Psa 132:14 "This is My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

- Vs. 6-10– God speaks here of His promises to bless the worship that would be offered up to Him from Jerusalem.

Psa 132:15 I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her poor with bread.

Psa 132:16 I will also clothe her priests with salvation, And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

Psa 132:17 There I will make the horn of David (the LORD's authority) grow; I will prepare a lamp for My Anointed.

- *I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her poor with bread. I will also clothe her priests with salvation.* That is a response to the prayer in the earlier part, "Let her priests be clothed with righteousness and salvation."
- And her saints shall shout aloud for joy. There will I make the horn of David grow! That is of course the horn of David would be Jesus Christ the Messiah.
- *I will prepare a lamp for My Anointed.* Anointed in Hebrew is Mashiyach or my Messiah.

Psa 132:18 His enemies I will clothe with shame, But upon Himself His crown shall flourish."

- God really responds here! You notice that the last where God speaks in response to the prayer; "Arise oh Lord to Your rest. Let your priests be clothed with righteousness. Let the saints shout for joy." In verse fourteen God responds He said, "This is My rest forever. Here will I dwell for I have desired it." In response to verse thirteen, "I will abundantly bless her provision, I will satisfy her poor with bread. So, God is responding, affirming that He will do these things.
- Ultimately all of this will be fulfilled by Jesus, in His 1,000-year reign over the whole world. He will reign from Jerusalem! His enemies will be put to shame. He will rule with a rod of iron, enforcing

obedience to the Word of God, protecting the prosperity of those 1,000 years that comes with the simple obedience of His Word! That is becoming more craving by us for His rule, day by day!

- Zechariah says, (**Zec 8:20-23**) *"Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Peoples shall yet come, Inhabitants of many cities; [21] The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, "Let us continue to go and pray before the LORD, And seek the LORD of hosts. I myself will go also." [22] Yes, many peoples and strong nations Shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, And to pray before the LORD.' [23] "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you." ' ' "*
- Isaiah says, (**Isa 2:1-5**) *The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. [2] Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the LORD's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. [3] Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. [4] He shall judge between the nations And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore. [5] O house of Jacob, come and let us walk In the light of the LORD.*

LORD PREPARE ME TO BE A SANCTUARY - Oasis Worship (4.13)

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary Pure and holy, tried, and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You*

*It is you, Lord Who came to save The heart and soul Of every man It is you Lord
Who knows my weakness Who gives me strength, With thine own hand.*

*Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary Pure and Holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving I'll be a living Sanctuary for you*

*Lead Me on Lord From temptation Purify me From within
Fill my heart with Your holy spirit Take away all my sin*

*Lord prepare me to be sanctuary Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You*

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH/PERSECUTED CHURCH; SCHOOLS; POLICE OFFICERS/MILITARY; ISRAEL:

PRAY FOR OUR NATION'S LEADERS: PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA: PRAY FOR WORLD LEADERS: - Pray for World Leaders, especially their salvation!