

PSALM 132

This psalm seems to be designed for the dedication of the Temple in Solomon's days. In Luther's words, "This is a prayer-psalm in which Solomon or the people pray that the priesthood and kingdom may be upheld." Most of the psalms in this section of "Songs of Ascents," or "Songs of Degrees," are dated in the post-exilic period. The thinking according to this view is, that though the psalm originated in David's time, it presents thoughts concerning the holy sanctuary which are of value to pilgrims perennially.

A Song of Ascents

- 1 Remember, O YAHWEH, on David's behalf, all his affliction;
- 2 how he swore to YAHWEH and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,
- 3 "Surely I will not enter my house, nor lie on my bed;
- 4 I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids,
- 5 until I find a place for YAHWEH, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."

- 6 Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah, we found it in the field of Jaar.
- 7 Let us go into His dwelling place; let us worship at His footstool.
- 8 Arise, O YAHWEH, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength.
- 9 Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let Your godly ones sing for joy.

- 10 For the sake of David Your servant, do not turn away the face of Your anointed.
- 11 YAHWEH has sworn to David a truth from which He will not turn back:
 "Of the fruit of your body I will set upon your throne.
- 12 If your sons will keep My covenant and My testimony which I will teach them,
 their sons also shall sit upon your throne forever."

- 13 For YAHWEH has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation.
- 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 needy with bread.
- 16 "Her priests also I will clothe with salvation, and her godly ones will sing aloud for joy.
- 17 "There I will cause the horn of David to spring forth;
 I have prepared a lamp for Mine anointed.
- 18 "His enemies I will clothe with shame, but upon himself his crown shall shine."

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, let us come before your presence with joyful and grateful hearts. Let us come in preparation to hear your word preached, that we might apply its teaching to our daily activities. And keep our minds and eyes from wandering, for it

is the King of kings and Lord of lords from whom we are seeking pardon. Oh, forgive us for such base ingratitude in forgetting the great price paid for our salvation. We humbly ask in the name of our great Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ, who washed us from our sins in his own blood. Amen.