

Finding Yourself in the Psalms
Psalm 132
A Psalm of God's Presence Among His People

Theme: The desire of God's servant to honor the Lord in Worship, and the Lord's response to the humble worshiper.

Structure.

132: 1 Introduction

Probably written after the exile, when the people remembered the sadness they experienced because they *could not* worship at the Temple

God remembers..... 132:1

- I. Things we do not want God to remember and he has promised to forget.
 - A. (Jeremiah 31:34) "No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.""
 - B. (Hebrews 8:12) "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.""
 - C. (Hebrews 10:17) "Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.""

- II. Things We ought to remember
 - A. (Psalm 63:6) "On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night."
 - B. (Psalm 77:6) "I remembered my songs in the night. My heart mused and my spirit inquired:"
 - C. (Psalm 119:52) "I remember your ancient laws, O Lord, and I find comfort in them."
 - D. (Psalm 119:55) "In the night I remember your name, O Lord, and I will keep your law."

- III. Things we ought to forget
 - A. (Philippians 3:8) "What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ"

- IV. A Prayer for the worshiper. 2-10
 - A. An Oath. (2-5) "He swore an oath"
 - B. a Prayer. (6-9)
 - 1. His people desire to worship
 - 2. "Arise O Lord, and come to your resting place"

- a. Hymn #226. "Oh the Glory of your Presence"
 - b. 132: 8 KJV, "Arise O Lord to thy rest. . ."
 - 3. His people desire His blessings
 - a. "May your priests be clothed with righteousness. . ." 132:9
 - b. "May your saints sing for joy"
 - C. "Do Not Reject" 132:10
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- V. A Promise from God. 11-18
 - A. An Oath. 11-12
 - 1. David's oath was filled with desire, but limited in his ability
 - a. David slept
 - b. David didn't build the Temple

 - B. The Blessings of the Lord. 13-16
 - 1. He promised his presence 13-14
 - 2. His Provisions
 - a. Abundant provision - 15
 - b. The poor - food 15
 - c. Clothe her priests 16 **answer to the prayer!**
 - d. Saints will sing with joy **answer to the prayer!**

 - C. "I will not reject!!! 16
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- VI. What Kind of prayers does the Lord respond to?
 - A. Our desire must be to glorify Him

KEEP BELIEVING website: Here is the first question and answer from the Heidelberg Catechism, written in 1563:

Question 1: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Answer: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life. and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

- B. Do we desire God's Presence?
 - 1. In the OT, the Presence was localized. **Exodus 29:44-46**

 - 2. We are God's Temple
 - a. Your body = Temple (1 Corinthians 6:19) "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;"
 - b. Promise from Jesus to dwell with us. (John 14:23) "Jesus replied,

- “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.”
- c. You (church) = God’s Temple (2 Corinthians 6:16) "What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.”"
 - d. Church = Temple (1 Corinthians 3:16-17) "Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him; for God’s temple is sacred, and you are that temple."
 - e. (Ephesians 2:21-22) "In him the whole building is joined together and **rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.** And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit."
 - f. A Spiritual House
 - (1) (Hebrews 3:6) "But Christ is faithful as a son over God’s house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast."
 - (2) (1 Peter 2:5) "you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."
 - g. Walks among the church!! (Revelation 2:1) " “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands:"

VII. We are brought near through Christ.

- A. Heb 9:8-14; 10:19-25
- B. The result = worship!