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Psalm 132

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There is uncertainty regarding the author, time, or circumstances of these Psalms, but it is apparent [Psalms 120-134](#) work together, and are called the "Songs of Degrees," and sometimes "Songs of Ascension." This Psalm is a prayer for David, possibly spoken by his son, Solomon.

Psalm 132

The Cure for Restlessness

Verse 1-5 open a prayer about David's concern for God's temple;
Verses 6-9 show David's concern for God's ark;
Verses 10-18 give God's concern for David's legacy.

Verses 1-5: The prayer is for God to "remember David," and all he went through to be faithful to God.

(**Verses 2-4**) David "swore to the LORD" to remain restless until a place for worshipping God was found. He would not: find comfort in his own house, or his own bed, or sleep soundly, or relax in "slumber," unless God's House was in its place ([2 Samuel 7:1-3](#)).

(**Verse 5**) David moved the ark into God's place ([1 Chronicles 15:1-3; 16:1](#)), but was not permitted to build the Temple ([1 Kings 8:18-19](#)).

Verses 6-9: (**Verse 6**) "Ephratha" was a region which included Bethlehem ([Micah 5:2](#)), and may have also included Kirjath Jearim ("city of the woods"), where the ark stayed 20 years ([1 Samuel 7:1-3](#)), then moved into Jerusalem ([2 Samuel 6:11-19](#)).

(**Verse 7**) Once the place of worship is known, the exhortation is "Let us go" first "into His tabernacle" (or temporary tent, then Solomon built a Temple, then Jesus Christ build the church of Christ, [Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:38, 41, 47; 2 Corinthians 6:16](#)), secondly, "worship at His footstool." Proper worship may only be done in the tabernacle, or today, the church of Christ.

(**Verse 8**) God will respond to proper worship from the proper place, as His "ark" represents His presence. Jesus Christ is the "propitiation" (mercy seat, or cover of the ark) "for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world" ([1 John 2:2](#)).

(**Verse 9**) God's priests were to be properly clothed to perform their duties ([Exodus 40:1-16](#)). Today, God's priests are Christians who were baptized into Jesus Christ to put Him on as their proper garment ([1 Peter 2:4-5; Galatians 3:26-29](#)).



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Verses 10-18: (Verse 10) God’s promise for his son to build God’s house seemed to point to Solomon ([2 Samuel 7:4-14](#)), but David’s throne is now occupied by Jesus Christ ([Acts 2:29-32](#)), and Jesus built God’s spiritual house, the church of Christ ([Hebrews 3:1-6](#)). **(Verses 11-12)** Faithfulness was the requirement for David’s “sons” to sit on his throne, which failed with Solomon ([1 Kings 11:9-40](#)).

(Verses 13-18) Since “the LORD has chosen Zion” for His “resting place forever,” Jerusalem lasted until Jesus Christ came, lived and died on the cross ([Romans 9:30-33](#)). After God destroyed Jerusalem in A.D.70, it had been made clear that it is spiritual Israel and spiritual Zion who represent God’s people today ([Hebrews 12:22-25](#); [Galatians 6:14-16](#)). Christians are provided blessings ([1 Peter 4:12-14](#)), the bread of life ([1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#)), priestly garment of Jesus Christ ([Galatians 3:27](#)), joyful singing because of the Word of Christ ([Colossians 3:16](#)).

Thought: The prayer for David has been answered, for his obedience certainly paved the way for Jesus Christ to sit on David’s throne forever.

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