

Psalms 131-134 – Thursday, June 27th, 2019

Psalm 131 -- A Song of Ascents. Of David. 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. 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 131 is an amazing Psalm with only three verses about the secret to having a quieted soul and living a calm Christian life.
- Actually, the Psalmist provides us with three ways to a life of peace and calm the first of which is that of not being full of pride.
- Secondly, not setting our eyes on lofty and selfish ambitions, and third, not concerning our self with great and profound matters.

Psalm 132 -- A Song of Ascents. 1 LORD, remember David And all his afflictions; 2 How he swore to the LORD, And vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob: 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." 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. 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. 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: 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 132 is a Psalm about David's desire to build the Temple in Jerusalem only to be told by the Lord that he would not do it.
- Instead, David's son Solomon would be the one to build the Temple and this after David acquired all the materials and gold.
- The Psalm ends with the prophecy yet future of Jesus, Who would come from David's line and rule and reign from Jerusalem.

Psalm 133 -- A Song of Ascents. Of David. 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. 3 It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing— Life forevermore.

- Psalm 133 is a magnificent Psalm that speaks to how pleasant and wonderful it is when God's people dwell together in unity.
- I've always seen this Psalm through the eyes of an earthly father with his children as it relates to our heavenly Father as His.
- The picture David paints is that of unity being as fragrant as the precious anointing oil and refreshing as the dew of Hermon.

Psalm 134 -- A Song of Ascents. 1 Behold, bless the LORD, All you servants of the LORD, 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!

- Psalm 134 is so apropos to end with tonight because it's about God's people leaving the evening worship service at the temple.
- Psalm 134 is also the closing Psalm of the "Song of Ascents" as the fifteenth in a series, which started back with Psalm 120.
- I cannot think of a better Psalm to bring our service with tonight, such that, it's a lifting up of our hands so as to bless the Lord.