

Psalm 48:1,14

THE GREAT GOD IS OUR GOD

- I. Jehovah is great.
 - A. "Jehovah" declares that God is the "I am."
 - B. Jehovah is "great" in magnitude and in extent, in intensity, and in importance.
 - 1. He is great in His being. So great that no creature can conceive of just how great He is.
 - 2. "According to Thy name, so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth" (10). As great as He is, so He is to be praised.
 - C. He is especially great in His work of redeeming the church (the city of our God, Mount Zion, 1,2,8; cf. Matt. 27:53).
 - 1. It is only in the church that God dwells, making it "the mountain of His holiness" (1), devoted to God's honor.
 - 2. The psalm speaks of an historical event when the city had a divine (and miraculous) deliverance from a surrounding enemy.
- II. "This God is our God."
 - A. "This" distinguishes the only true God as the One Who did great things for us.
 - B. With this God you have a relationship: one of possession: "our."
 - 1. One, to claim this God as ours he must first have taken us to be His. He is ours because we are His.
 - 2. Two, before anyone can say "our" he has to say "my."
 - C. This God is our "Guide," faithful and constant to bring, to drive, to carry, and to shepherd us all the way.
 - 1. He guides us by His counsel, feeding and leading us in the ways of peace, salvation and life.
 - 2. The Spirit leads us to the fullness of Christ, guiding us into all truth.
 - D. This relationship is "for ever and ever."