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Psalm 132

1 A Song of degrees. LORD, remember David, and all his afflictions: 2 How he sware unto the LORD, and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob; 3 Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed; 4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids, 5 Until I find out a place for the LORD, an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

6 Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood. 7 We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool. 8 Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength. 9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy. 10 For thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of thine anointed.

11 The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne. 12 If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore. 13 For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. 14 This is my rest for ever: here will I 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 will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed. 18 His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

Introduction:

- 1. Part of the 15 Song of degrees section of the 5th Division (Book 5) of the Theological Song book of Israel.
- 2. David desired to build a house for God, and God approved him to prepare a house.

Outline:

A. Prayers for David (v.1 & v.10)

- B. David's Devotion and Reward $^{(vv.2-5\,\&\,vv.11-12)}$
- C. God's Presence (vv.6-9 & vv.13-18)

Observations:

- 1. Solomon's words are related to vv.8-10 (cf. 2 Chr. 6:41, 42).
- 2. The care for the ark is commended in prayer (vv.1-7).
- 3. God's presence and promises are appealed to (vv.11-18).

Lesson: Prayer and God's Promises are linked.

Psalm 133

1 A Song of degrees of David. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! 2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; 3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

Introduction:

- 1. Certainly David wrote this in celebration of the end of civil war between Saul supporters and his own supporters.
- 2. Reconciliation and unity is something to be celebrated.

Outline:

A. The Blessing (v.1)

B. The Ointment (v.2a)

C. Aaron's Ministry (v.2b)

B. The Dew (v.3a)

A. The Blessing (v.3b)

Observations:

- 1. David extols the virtue of unity.
- 2. God expects brotherly love and common faithfulness.

Lesson: True unity is based upon the LORD.

Psalm 134

1 A Song of degrees. Behold, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD, which by night stand in the house of the LORD. 2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD. 3 The LORD that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

Introduction:

- 1. A dramatic Psalm.
- 2. The Priests and Levites are encouraged to serve the LORD.

Outline:

A. A Call to Worship (vv.1-2)

B. Priestly Benediction (v.3)

Observations:

- 1. God' servants are to be remembered and encouraged.
- 2. God is worthy of worship and service.

<u>Lesson</u>: Worship the LORD while in service to the LORD.