

INTRODUCTION

- A. THE PSALMS OF ASCENTS** (120-134; *geographical, spiritual*; perh. architectural, literary, vocal;; 2Chr8:13; Ps24:3; Hb12:22f)
- B. DAVID** (122,124,(127),131,(132:1f),133; see Ps.3,etc!; ark, 2Sam.6,15)
- C. PEACE** (-neg & +pos (cup & bread); see *Jerusalem* (Heb.7:2), *ask, peace, prosperity*, esp.6-9)
- D. HOUSE OF THE LORD; JERUSALEM** (1, 2;6, 9; i.e., the church, see 1Cor.3:16; Gal.4:26; Heb.12:22,23; Rev.3:2; 21;2,10; yet Lk.19:42f; 21:24; Rom.11:23f)

I. TRUTH: THE JOY OF CHURCH! (122:1-5)

- A. THE PROSPECT OF PUBLIC WORSHIP SHOULD BE JOYFUL!** (1; see 42:4; 84:5; Heb.12:22f)
- B. CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP PROVIDES STABILITY** (2; 121:3; 125:1f; see 48:1f; Heb.10:24,25)
- C. BECAUSE THE CHURCH IS BUILT BY GOD** (3; 102:16; see Mt.16:18; 1Cor.12:24-26; Eph.4:15,16)
- D. MANY TRIBES GATHERED AS ONE NATION** (4a, 8a; see Gen.49; Dt.33; 1Cor.12:12,21; Rev.2,3)
- E. GOD'S WITNESS, NOT MAN'S WILL** (4b; see Ex.23:17; Dt.16:16; 2Chr.8:16 /Lk.4:16; Acts 13:14; Heb.10:25)
- F. THE THANKFUL WORSHIP OF GOD** (4c; see 1Chr.16:8,41; Ps.100:4; Phil.4:6; 1Tm.4:4; Heb.13:15; Jms.1:17)
- G. THANKSGIVING FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT** (5; 132:1f; see 2Sam.15:2; 1Kngs.3:9,16f,28; see Dt.17:1f; Ps.107:32; 1Cor.6:1f; see Rom.13:1f; 1Tm.2:1f)

II. CONSEQUENCE: ASK FOR PEACE & PROSPERITY OF THE CHURCH! (122:6-9)

- A. ASK FOR PEACE & PROSPERITY** (-neg & +pos; 6a&b; 7a&b; 8b&9b; see 1Tm.2:1,2)
- B. ASK FOR "THE THINGS THAT MAKE FOR PEACE"** (6(LXX); see Lk.19:42; Rom.14:19,13f,17; Ps.85:10; Heb.12:22f w/13:1f)
- C. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO LOVE THE CHURCH** (6b; see 9b; Lk.6:27,35; 1Jn.3:18; 1Cor.12:25,26; Eph.4:16; see Gal.5:26; Eph.5:25f)
- D. PRAY FOR FAR & NEAR** (walls & palaces; 7; see 2Sam.14:25; (Job2:7); 1Cor.12:15f; Eph.4:16)
- E. PRAY FOR BROTHERS & FRIENDS** (8; tribe & nation, 4; Gen.49; Eph.4:16; house(hold), 9a,1b)
- F. PRAY FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHURCH & THE GLORY OF GOD** (9,1f; see Eph4:15,16; 1Cor10:31)
- G. EARNESTLY SEEK THE GOOD OF CHRIST'S CHURCH** (9b,6b; see 2Cor.4:15; 12:15,19; 1Th.2:7; 2Tm.4:6; see Lk.6:27,35; 1Jn.3:18; 1Cor.12:25,26; Eph.4:16)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)