

"The Lord Hath Sworn in Truth to David"

Psalm 132

"A Song of degrees"

1. The Ark of the Covenant and "the mighty God of Jacob"

Exodus 25; Leviticus 16; I Samuel 4, 5, 6; II Samuel 6

"And they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD" (II Samuel 6:17). "That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains" (II Samuel 7:2).

2. King David's Covenant with "the mighty God of Jacob" (II Sam. 7:1-9; I Chron. 28)

(1) LORD, remember David, and all his afflictions:

(2) How he swore 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.

3. Israel's Response to David's Covenant

Hear *(6) Lo, we heard of it at Ephrath:*

Seek *we found it in the fields of the wood.* (I Samuel 7:1-14)

Worship *(7) We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool.*

The Ark, God's footstool (I Chronicles 28:2; Psalm 99:5)

Prayer *(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.*

4. God's Response to David's Covenant (II Samuel 7:10-29; Psalm 89:3-?)

(11) The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it;

Blessing¹ Lineage² Throne, kingdom, power³ Divine dwelling place⁴
Of the fruit of thy body² will I set¹ upon thy throne.³ (12) If thy children² will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne³ for evermore. (13) For the LORD hath chosen¹ Zion;⁴ he hath desired it for his habitation.⁴ (14) This is my rest⁴ for ever: here will I dwell⁴; for I have desired it.⁴ (15) I will abundantly bless¹ her provision: I will satisfy¹ her poor² with bread. (16) I will also clothe her priests with salvation:¹ and her saints² shall shout aloud for joy.¹ (17) There will I make the horn of David³ 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.³

Layers of revelation: Ark, Christ

David, David's children, Christ

David's throne, his royal descendants, his "horn," Christ's kingdom

Zion, Jerusalem, the People of God