

The Psalms and Songs of Ascent, Testimonies of the Many Degrees of Comfort in Christ

The Ascension, Our Journey and Pilgrimage to Worship God

Psalms 120 – God answers our call of distress in times of trouble, and a plea to deliver us from evil. It is a warning for those with deceitful plans, and a plea for peace among our neighbors

Psalms 121 – God is our guard, keeper, and source of our strength. The Believer looks to Him for all solutions to all problems, and is confident that He will watch our coming in and our going out.

Psalms 122 – We have the joy experienced to ascend to worship God, that picture of the heavenly Jerusalem, the House of God where His people are congregating from all peoples and tribes.

Psalms 123 – We have confidence and knowledge to find compassion, grace, and mercy when he seeks God, and that He will respond in times of affliction to give grace to the humble Believer.

Psalms 124 – We remember past deliverances from the enemies of our souls by God who intervened on our behalf and saved us. It's a praise to escape from the enemy's holes, nets, and traps made for us, because it was the God Almighty Creator and Maker of heaven and earth that is and was our help to deliver us. Jesus came to destroy the enemy's works, to deliver us from the fear of death – Heb 2: 14-15.

The fear of death keeps a person from living, not dying. One must prepare for living by fearing God and His Son Jesus who has the keys to death and hell – Rev 1:17-18, and we know there is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus.

The Affliction, Trouble in Our Way

Psalms 125 – The reward that confidence and trust in God brings. That confidence can't be shaken, for He makes us as strong mountains that will remain with Him forever and ever.

Psalms 126 – The rescue power of God when we fall, the joy to return to fellowship with Him when He restores us, the reward for those who share the Gospel message of Salvation, that free pardon from sin by Jesus.

Psalms 127 – The promises of God, that one should make Jesus our priority every day, and not get distracted by the cares and worries of this world. It's a message of blessing and the joy of children.

Psalms 128 – Testimony of the Believer regarding the secret to prosperity that is the fear of the Lord, and to always consider that one not offend Him. Therefore your wife and family will be blessed all of your life to see your offspring.

Psalms 129 – There are many afflictions of the righteous, but God has been faithful to deliver us from all of them, therefore we will bless the Lord, bless the days He has given us, and rejoice in them.

We will have days of trial and trouble, but Jesus said, "Take heart I have overcome the world!" Our work is to overcome our world through Jesus with His love, and He will give us rest. Yes Jesus says the believer will sleep at death, and He eliminates the fear of pain, the fear of separation, and the fear of the unknown.

The Agreement, The Covenant, and Pact

Psalms 130 – In the darkest night and deepest sorrow, our Lord is attentive to our cries for mercy, for there is forgiveness with Him, therefore we will put our hope in Him and His unfailing love.

Psalms 131 – The importance of humility, the simple trust that we have in Jesus when there are events and matters that we don't understand. We will simply hope in the Lord.

Psalms 132 – Our commitments, our oaths, our promises, and our vows to the Lord. The memory of the agreement, the pact, and that faith transaction with Jesus to follow Him as a disciple that confirms our resting place will be with Him.

Psalms 133 – Testimony of the Believer and is that gift of prophecy. Our promises are magnificent promises of blessing, peace, well being, and it will be in perpetuity. We prophecy that we will live with Him forever more as we ascend to meet the Lord.

Psalms 134 – The servants of God that minister in the night. Our prayers in times of darkness, even our prayers in the night watches of our life, we will lift up our hands in His Sanctuary to praise the Lord, the Creator of our souls that gives life and takes life, He is the Maker of Heaven and earth, and Keeper of His promises.

Because of our faith transaction in Jesus, we have hope. Just as Abraham's simple faith earned him a deposit of righteousness to his soul's account, our faith in Christ also justifies us before God. Those who He justifies, He also glorifies, therefore our resurrected body will be a glorified body.

Abraham completed that agreement with God by obediently offering up his son Isaac believing that God could raise him up from the dead. Therefore we believe Jesus and obey Him that He also will raise us up on that last day.