

The Lord has Chosen Zion - Psalm 132 **Notes, Family Worship, Bible Reading**

Notes from the Sermon

The Psalms of Ascent take us on a journey with the Israelites on the road to a festival in Jerusalem. A festival that was to be a celebration of the presence of God. Along the way they worship their God. Through song they recall the hard times, the blessed times and recognize that God is with them through it all.

Psalm 132 has two main sections. Verses 1-10 are a prayer to God from Israelites where they recall the story of the ark, the importance of it in their worship life, the difficulties of returning it to its rightful place in Jerusalem. In their prayer they express amazement at how God has worked in their lives. Verses 11-18 are expressions from God on how He has kept his covenant with the Israelites. In these verses we see answers to specific prayers from the first section. In the answers we see that our God provided even more than what was asked for.

Our God promises that all of the pain and suffering we encounter in this fallen world is going to be used for His ultimate glory. He promises that one day all things will be restored and we will fully see His glory face to face. He will wipe away every tear and we will live in His presence in His Kingdom. We are on our own ascent, on our way to this place that we only have glimpses of in the here and now. Like the Israelites, we will one day experience our version of verses 11-18 and stand in amazement in the greatness of our King, Lord Jesus.

Bible Reading for the Week

Daily Bible Readings

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
2 Chron icles 28	2 Chron icles 29	2 Chron icles 30	2 Chron icles 31	2 Chron icles 32	2 Chron icles 33	2 Chron icles 34

Reading from this past week: Psalm 132

Reading in preparation for this coming Sunday: Psalm 133

Family Worship

Song - *Your Grace is Enough*

https://youtu.be/YvIB_veig5s?si=1MTRjKvWrO_611NC

Gospel Project

Unit: The Church's Hope

Story: Jesus is worthy of worship.

Big Picture Question: What is the hope of the church?

Answer: The church looks forward to Jesus' return when He will make all things new

Scripture: Revelation 4-5

New City Catechism

Question 31: What do justification and sanctification mean?

Answer: Justification means our declared righteousness before God. Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness.

Verse: 1 Peter 1:1-2

Scripture

Psalm 132

- How does the Hebrews pilgrimage to Jerusalem speak to our lives as followers of Jesus now? What about their hopes and trust help us to hope and trust in Jesus today?
- What promises from this Psalm became fully true when Jesus came to Jerusalem?
- What promises are made in the Psalm to us that point us to the hope of the New Jerusalem and the ultimate presence of Jesus?

Prayer

*Pray for the MomCo group reaching out to mothers in our community, and for Missy Raley and the other leaders serving these ladies.

*Pray that we would place our hope in our Great High Priest and True King Jesus who promises a new and better Jerusalem.