

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 01 June	Psalm 001	God's Wisdom
2) 08 June	Psalm 119	God's Truth
3) 15 June	Psalm 019	God's Glory
4) 22 June	Psalm 096	God's Reign
5) 29 June	Psalm 132	God's Promise
6) 06 July	Psalm 110	God's Messiah
7) 13 July	Psalm 018	God's Deliverance
8) 20 July	Psalm 105	God's Faithfulness
9) 27 July	Psalm 038	God's Conviction
10) 03 Aug	Psalm 032	God's Forgiveness
11) 10 Aug	Psalm 023	God's Care
12) 17 Aug	Psalm 139	God's Greatness
13) 24 Aug	Psalm 005	God's Righteousness
14) 31 Aug	Psalm 042	God's Presence

INTRODUCTION

- Psalms 120-134 are known as Songs of Degrees or Ascent or Pilgrim Songs. Believed to have been designed for Vocal Music, to be sung by pilgrims on the road up to the Feasts at Jerusalem; or as they went up to the 15 steps to the Men's Court. Ascents may also mean the Elevated Voice in which they were to be sung (i.e., Soprano). (Source: Haley's Bible Handbook)
- According to Clarke's commentary, some attribute this Psalm to David, but without sufficient ground; others, to Solomon, with more likelihood; and others, to some inspired author at the conclusion of the captivity, which is, perhaps, the most probable. It refers to the building of the second temple & placing the ark of the covenant in it.
 - ♦ **But consider this.** The earthly Ark of the Covenant is lost in history after Solomon's reign. It will probably be restored in Ezekiel's temple, which will be built during the peaceful 1st 3.5 years of the Tribulation period. In the New Heaven and Earth, there is no need for an Ark or a Temple, "because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple." **Rev 21:22 (NIV)**

Passage	Comments
Psalm 132:1-2	1. A Song of Ascents. Remember, O LORD, on David's behalf, all his affliction; 2. How he swore to the LORD and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This Psalm is a poetic re-iteration of God's unbreakable promise to David of an eternal inheritor of his Throne (i.e., Jesus Christ)
132:3-5	3. "Surely I will not enter my house, nor lie on my bed; 4. I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids; 5. Until I find a place for the LORD, A dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wow! What devotion to God. • Have we ever said, "I will not go to bed until I finish studying God's Word tonight." Or do we say, "Eh, I'll do it in the morning." • Or how serious do we consider Church attendance & worship?
132:6-7	6. Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah, we found it (the Ark) in the field of Jaar. 7. Let us go into His dwelling place; Let us worship at His footstool.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David searched long and hard for the Ark. How long and hard do people search for God? Do they treat God like a "Pearl of Great Price" and chase Him with everything they've got? Mt 13:46 • Or do people chase God half-heartedly, whimsically?
132:8-9	8. Arise, O LORD, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength. 9. Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let Your godly ones sing for joy.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why would God want to "Arise" from where He is to reside in a lowly earthy church building, much less in our wayward hearts? • How do we restore High Praise from our lips to our mighty God?

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132:10	10. For the sake of David Your servant, do not turn away the face of Your anointed.
	<p>God Often Moves for the Sake of His Name, for Abraham's and David's Sake, for Jerusalem's Sake, for the Sake of Christ, for our Sake, and for the Sake of the Gentiles and the Gospel [IOW, for the good of each]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gen 26:24. I will bless you, and multiply your descendants, for the sake of My servant Abraham. • 1Kings 11:32 But [Rehoboam] will have one tribe, for the sake of My servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem • 1Kings 15:4. For David's sake God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, to raise up his son after him & to establish Jerusalem • Ezek 20:44. Then you will know that I am the LORD when I have dealt with you for My name's sake, not according to your evil ways or according to your corrupt deeds, O house of Israel, ..." • Ezek 36:22. It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for My holy name, which you have profaned • Mark 8:35. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. • 2Cor 8:9. For our sake, Christ became poor • Eph 3:1. Paul is a prisoner of Christ for the sake of the Gentiles
132:11-12	11. The LORD has sworn to David a truth from which He will not turn back: "Of the fruit of your body I will set upon your throne. 12. "If your sons will keep My covenant and My testimony which I will teach them; Their sons also shall sit upon your throne forever."
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recall God's promise He made to Solomon, that if he and his sons would remain faithful to Him, he shall not lack a man to sit on the throne of Israel..... 1Kings 9:4-5 • Unfortunately, Solomon, himself, chase other gods, and God would be forced to cut off Israel from their Land 1Kings 9:6-9
132:13-14	13. For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation. 14. "This is My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One day in the possible near future, God's Millennial Kingdom will be established prior to the New heaven and earth being created for all eternity, where we will relish seeing God on His throne • How can we assist in ushering in God's Kingdom?
132:15-18	15. "I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her needy with bread. 16. "Her priests also I will clothe with salvation, and her godly ones will sing aloud for joy. 17. "There I will cause the horn of David to spring forth; I have prepared a lamp for Mine anointed (Jesus Christ) 18. "His enemies I will clothe with shame, but upon himself his crown shall shine."
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This seems to allude to God's Millennial Kingdom where Ezekiel's Temple will accommodate the priests who will be clothed with the salvation that comes from Jesus Christ, who will be sitting on His throne, and His saints will be judging along His side for 1000 yrs

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS / CONSIDERATIONS

- We are always one generation away from apostasy
- Living on this side of Glory, how can we stay focused on God, where we cherish being with Him and His saints, and we are serving Him with fervor at home, at work, and at play?
- It takes intentional obedience with love for Him and others

