

## Psalm 132 A song of Ascents

<sup>1</sup> A leader of Israel once wrote,

LORD, please remember all of the difficulties David experienced when he tried to bring the ark of God to Jerusalem<sup>1</sup>. <sup>2</sup> Remember, too, how he made a vow to the Mighty God of Israel saying,

“<sup>3-5</sup> LORD, I will not rest until I find a permanent dwelling place for You, the Mighty God of Israel. I will not go home, I will not take a nap, I will not go to bed, and I will not sleep until I find that place.”

<sup>6</sup> When the Jewish people heard that the Ark was in Ephrathah, they went there and found it in a place called the Field of Wood. It was then that they brought the Ark to Jerusalem. <sup>7-8</sup> Once the temple was built and the Ark was at home, the LORD was invited to come down and dwell in the Ark in the Holy of Holies. After everything was in place, the people anticipated going to the temple to worship at the feet of their God. <sup>9</sup> The priests that served in the temple were to be good and godly men, and the general populace would sing for joy.

<sup>10</sup> LORD, in keeping with the promise You made to David, please don't turn Your back on Me, Your anointed one. <sup>11</sup> After all, You spoke truth to David when You said that You would not abandon his sons on the throne. You said to him,

“I will set your sons on the throne. <sup>12</sup> I will teach them My covenant and My testimonies. If they keep them, their sons will reign on the throne, and this process will continue perpetually until the Messiah comes.”

<sup>13</sup> The temple belongs in Jerusalem because the LORD has chosen it as His dwelling place. After all, the LORD said,

“<sup>14</sup> Jerusalem is My resting place for all time. This is where I will dwell because I have chosen it. <sup>15</sup> I will bless Jerusalem abundantly and will satisfy her people with plenty of food. <sup>16</sup> I will clothe her priests with saving faith, and the godly ones of Jerusalem's populace will sing for joy. <sup>17</sup> I will prepare a place for My anointed one, Jesus Christ the Messiah<sup>2</sup>. When He comes I will cause the strength of His kingdom to outshine every other nation. <sup>18</sup> I will cover His enemies with shame, but I will cause His crown to shine forth as the King of kings.

<sup>1</sup> Peter A. Steveson, Psalms, Copyright BJU Press, Greenville, South Carolina, pg. 512

<sup>2</sup> In John 14:6, Christ said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh to the Father, but by me.” Therefore, the name “Jesus Christ, the Messiah” has been used.”