

Psalm 48 A Psalm of the sons of Korah

Listen as I praise Jerusalem

¹⁻² The LORD our God is the greatest, and He deserves the greatest of praise. Jerusalem is the city in which He dwells, and His presence in the temple makes Jerusalem holy. The city is beautiful, and the temple situated on the north side¹ makes it even more beautiful. The whole world admires our city, and it is the city of our great King. ³ God's presence permeates the palace, and His presence and power have caused the nations to know that He is their strong defender. ⁴ This is obvious by the fact that strong kings and their armies passed right on by her instead of attacking. ⁵ They saw her and were amazed at the beauty and well-fortified walls. They were terrified at the thought of attacking her and fled hastily so that they would not be destroyed. ⁶ In fact, panic overwhelmed them like pain overwhelms a woman just before childbirth. ⁷ You caused the east wind to blow, and it made Jehoshaphat's ships traveling from Tarshish to crash onto the shore and be destroyed². ⁸ We have heard of such things happening, and we are fully convinced that they are true.. Praise God, He has established Jerusalem forever.

Now stop what you are doing, and seriously consider the magnitude of what I just shared with you. Is your God able to do for you what our God can and will do for us?

Listen as I praise my God

⁹ LORD, whenever we go to the temple we meditate upon the tender love and kindness You bestow upon Your children. ¹⁰ Wherever Your name is spoken throughout the world it calls for men and women to praise You. This is so, because You are filled to overflowing with goodness, justice, and mercy. ¹¹ Cause all of the inhabitants of Jerusalem to be so thrilled with Your decisions and direction for them that they will feel compelled to joyfully thank and praise You. ¹² LORD, walk throughout the city of Jerusalem, and record the magnificence of her palace. ¹³ Walk around the circumference of the city and count the towers used for defense. Then tell the generation to come about the greatness of our city. ¹⁴ They need to know that the God who does such things for His people is our God both now and forever. They need to understand that You are our God, and You will guide us until we die and go to be with You for all eternity.

¹ Steveson, Peter a., Psalms, © copyright BJU Press, Greenville, South Carolina, USA pg. 190

² Ibid.