

PSALM 132

A Song of degrees.

LORD, remember David, *and* all his afflictions:

2 How he swore unto the LORD, *and* vowed unto the mighty *God* of Jacob;

3 Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed;

4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes, *or* slumber to mine eyelids,

5 Until I find out a place for the LORD, an habitation for the mighty *God* of Jacob.

6 Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood.

7 We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool.

8 Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength.

9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.

10 For thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of thine anointed.

11. The LORD hath sworn *in* truth unto David; he will not turn

from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

12 If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.

13 For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired *it* for his habitation.

14 This *is* my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.

15 I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.

16 I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

17 There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.

18 His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

PSALM 133

A Song of degrees of David.

BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity!

2 *It is* like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, *even* Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

3 As the dew of Hermon, *and as the dew* that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, *even* life for evermore.

PSALM 134

A Song of degrees.

BEHOLD, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD, which by night stand in the house of the LORD.

2 Lift up your hands *in* the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.

3 The LORD that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

PSALM 135

PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise ye the name of the LORD; praise *him*, O ye servants of the LORD.

2 Ye that stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God,

3 Praise the LORD; for the LORD *is* good: sing praises unto his name; for *it is* pleasant.

4 For the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, *and* Israel for his peculiar treasure.

5. For I know that the LORD *is*

great, and *that* our Lord *is* above all gods.

6 Whatsoever the LORD pleased, *that* did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

7 He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasuries.

8 Who smote the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and beast.

9 *Who* sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.

10 Who smote great nations, and slew mighty kings;

11 Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan:

12 And gave their land *for* an heritage, an heritage unto Israel his people.

13 Thy name, O LORD, *endureth* for ever; *and* thy memorial, O LORD, throughout all generations.

14 For the LORD will judge his people, and he will repent himself concerning his servants.

15. The idols of the heathen *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

16 They have mouths, but they

speak not; eyes have they, but they see not;

17 They have ears, but they hear not; neither is there *any* breath in their mouths.

18 They that make them are like unto them: *so is* every one that trusteth in them.

19 Bless the LORD, O house of Israel: bless the LORD, O house of Aaron:

20 Bless the LORD, O house of Levi: ye that fear the LORD, bless the LORD.

21 Blessed be the LORD out of Zion, which dwelleth at Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 136

OGIVE thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

2 O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

4 To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

5 To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

6 To him that stretched out the

earth above the waters: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

7 To him that made great lights: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

8 The sun to rule by day: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

9 The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

10. To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

11 And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

12 With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

13 To him which divided the Red sea into parts: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

16 To him which led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

17 To him which smote great kings: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

18 And slew famous kings: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

19 Sihon king of the Amorites:
for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

20 And Og the king of Bashan:
for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

21 And gave their land for an
heritage: for his mercy *endureth* for
ever:

22 *Even* an heritage unto Israel
his servant: for his mercy *endureth*
for ever.

23. Who remembered us in our
low estate: for his mercy *endureth*
for ever:

24 And hath redeemed us from
our enemies: for his mercy
endureth for ever.

25 Who giveth food to all flesh:
for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

26 O give thanks unto the God
of heaven: for his mercy *endureth*
for ever.

PSALM 137

BY the rivers of Babylon, there
we sat down, yea, we wept,
when we remembered Zion.

2 We hanged our harps upon the

willows in the midst thereof.

3 For there they that carried us
away captive required of us a song;
and they that wasted us *required of*
us mirth, *saying*, Sing us *one* of the
songs of Zion.

4 How shall we sing the LORD'S
song in a strange land?

5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem,
let my right hand forget *her* *cun-*
ning.

6 If I do not remember thee, let
my tongue cleave to the roof of my
mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem
above my chief joy.

7. Remember, O LORD, the chil-
dren of Edom in the day of
Jerusalem; who said, Rase *it*, rase
it, *even* to the foundation thereof.

8 O daughter of Babylon, who
art to be destroyed; happy *shall he*
be, that rewardeth thee as thou
hast served us.

9 Happy *shall he be*, that taketh
and dasheth thy little ones against
the stones.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Psalms 135, 136, 138, and 139 are Psalms of thanksgiving. Psalm 135 is a song of praise for God's wonderful works in nature and in history. A nation that is now cleansed and converted worships God in this Psalm. The call to worship is found in verses 1-4; adoration to Him who controls nature in verses 5-7; adoration to Him who redeemed the nation and set it in Palestine in verses 8-18; and adoration to Him who is above all gods and therefore worthy of all worship in verses 19-21.

Psalm 136 seems to be an extension of Psalm 135 and is continuing praise to Almighty God. Also, it is called a Hallel Psalm, which means it was sung at the opening of the Passover and was a favorite Temple song.

One of the great themes of the Bible is the mercy of God. In Psalm 136 alone the word "mercy" is found 26 times, one time for each verse. Perhaps it would be helpful for us to distinguish between mercy and grace. They are not one and the same. One is negative and one is positive. One keeps us from hell,

and the other assures us of heaven. Mercy is not getting what you deserve (hell and judgment), while grace is getting that which you do not deserve (heaven and God's blessing).

In Psalm 137 the Jewish captives hung their harps on the trees beside a river near Babylon and sat down and wept. They had been captured by the enemy for their disobedience. But even in captivity they would trust that God's mercy would not forsake them. And they would not be let down.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not" (Proverbs 8:33).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 23: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 7.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1800

WASHINGTON D.C. WAS MADE OUR CAPITAL.

On this day in history Washington D.C. was made our Capital. Pray for those in Washington with authority over us. Pray for the morals of our nation's Capital. Think what could happen if revival could sweep Washington D.C.

1776

THE LIBERTY BELL FIRST RANG FOR INDEPENDENCE.

May the Liberty Bell always ring in America, and may we ring the message loud and clear of freedom and liberty as a pattern for the entire world.

1914

BILL DOWELL WAS BORN.

Here is one of America's great preachers. For years he was pastor in Springfield, Missouri, having done one of America's outstanding works there and then pastored in Jacksonville, Florida. Thank God today for Christian leaders. Thank God for men who are able to lead preachers, pastor preachers, and lead great groups of people and great numbers of churches toward the fundamental teaching and toward the Word of God. Pray for preachers everywhere but especially pray for Christian leaders, men of nationwide prominence and men of world renown who have gained respect of other Christian leaders and are responsible to God even for the leadership of Christian leaders. The Apostle Paul said that God had given him the care of all the churches. Pray for God to raise up men with a concern that is greater than their own work and that goes beyond the four walls of their own church building. May they have a concern for bringing preachers and churches of our land back to evangelism.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1870

GOVERNOR W.W. HOLDEN OF NORTH CAROLINA DECLARED CASSWELL COUNTY in a state of insurrection.

1876

WHITE TERRORISTS ATTACKED BLACK REPUBLICANS in Hamburg, S.C., killing five.

The Story of the Psalms

PSALMS 58

AUTHOR: David

THE STORY BEHIND THE PSALM:

This Psalm was written during his early reign. He was very interested in justice, and in the Psalm he is condemning bad judges. Notice the words in verse 1, “Do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?” As a young king he was demanding that his judges be just.

THE WAY IT WAS USED BY GOD’S PEOPLE:

For some reason that is somewhat difficult to understand, this Psalm was used by the Jews while they were in captivity in Babylon.

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SOLVED: "SOME FOLK CANNOT FORGIVE"

(Assignment 23)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning" link back on the DailyKJV page.)

You must.

() Matthew 6:15

But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

You can.

() Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

You will be tormented if you do not.

() Matthew 18:34

And his Lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

The heavenly Father will exert this judgment.

() Matthew 18:35

So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

Able when God's power works in us.

() Ephesians 3:20

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.