

LESSONS FROM PSALMS ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO

Scripture: Psalms 132:1-18

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Introduction:

- A. This is a Messianic Psalm that looks forward to the Millennial Kingdom of Christ, the Messiah, for fulfillment.
 - B. It calls up historical facts to set forth the truths of the future.
 1. The covenant God made with David concerning his Seed.
 2. The zeal of David to recover the Arc of the Covenant and establish it in a permanent resting place in Zion, Jerusalem.
 3. The fact that God, Himself, had chosen Zion as His own desired habitation on the earth.
 4. God has promised to abundantly bless His people -- to establish His priests -- to cause His people to shout with joy -- to cause the horn (power) of David to bud -- to ordain a lamp for His anointed -- to put down his enemies -- to cause the crown of David to flourish.
 - C. Much of this was seen in type in the days of good King Hezekiah. But it will only be fulfilled when King Jesus returns and sets up His kingdom and rules over the earth from His throne in Jerusalem.
 - D. There are some good practical lessons to be gleaned from this Psalms that will strengthen, encourage, and challenge God's church people in this age.
- I. LEARN THAT IT IS GOOD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE TO KNOW OF THE BATTLES FOR THE FAITH THAT HAVE BEEN FAUGHT BY EARILIER GENERATIONS. vs. 1-7
- A. A study of David's life will reveal many battles for truth.
 - B. A study of church history reveals that countless millions have died to preserve the sacred Scriptures and the faith once delivered to the saints.
 - C. The dawning of this century saw a great battle being waged for church truth. It was repeated in 1950 and the war goes on.
- II. LEARN THAT IT IS NOT WRONG TO CHALLENGE GOD TO BLESS HIS PEOPLE. vs. 8-10
- A. The psalmist called on God to arise and bless His people Israel, their spiritual leaders, and their king.
 - B. Many times God's church people raised their voices in a challenge to bless us and help us accomplish your will.
 - C. If we are keeping ourselves in God's will, I think God expects us to challenge Him to bless us.
- III. LEARN THAT IT IS NOT WRONG TO REMIND GOD OF HIS PROMISES. vs. 11,12
- A. Lord, you have sworn to David that his seed shall sit upon thy throne.
 1. This may have been when Hezekiah was about to die and had no son.
 2. He cried out to God. "God, you promised."
 - B. When things look bad and hopeless, God's people have always challenged God to bless in keeping His promises.
 1. Lord, you said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you.
 2. Lord, you promised, "Lo I am with you even to the end of the age."
- IV. LEARN THAT MANY OF GODIS PROMISES ARE CONDITIONED ON OUR KEEPING HIS WORD. v. 12
- A. v.12 "If my children will keep my covenant, I will..."
 - B. Some promises are conditional in every age and we can not claim them unless we keep His word.
- V. LEARN THAT GODIS CHOICES ARE BASED ON HIS OWN DESIRES. v. 13
- A. God chose Jerusalem as the city where He would dwell with His people.
 - B. God chose David to be King and to make an everlasting covenant with him concerning his Seed.
 - C. God chose all who are saved. Eph. 1:4

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D. God chose the disciples out of whom He organized His church. John 15:16.

VI. LEARN THAT GOD'S PURPOSE SHALL BE FULFILLED. vs. 14-18

A. Jerusalem shall be the place God shall dwell with His people

B. The Seed of David, Jesus Christ, shall reign as King of Kings forever and ever.