

GLAD TO GO TO WORSHIP

Psalm 122



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- Psalm 122 is what many scholars list as the 3rd installment in the Ascents' Psalms.
- This psalm is credited to King David.
- Many believe that the Ascent Psalms were sung by the Jewish people as they were going up to Jerusalem and Mt. Zion for worship especially in connection with the three annual festivals of Passover, Pentecost and the Day of Atonement.

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- When the time came and our elders announced that full worship assemblies were starting back, did you have the same reaction of David?
- Were you excited to get to go to worship?
- David opens this psalm with:
“I was glad when they said me, let us go to the house of the Lord!”
- The Hebrew word for glad is *“sameach”* which means, “gleeful, joyful, rejoicing, merry.”



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- David was glad to go to worship because of..

FAMILY HISTORY

- David did come from a long line of family members who were God-fearing people. They were several dedicated servants to the Lord.
- Individuals like his father Jesse or his great-grandfather Boaz, who happened to also be the son of Rahab. Then there is his great-grandmother, Ruth. (Matthew 1:1-6).

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- I am confident that these people helped leave a legacy of love and faithfulness to God for David to follow. (Eph. 6:4)
- But, I also believe that there is another reason why he was glad.
- In order to understand this reason, we are going to have to dig even deeper into Israeli history.



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FAMILY HISTORY

- Genesis 38. Horrible story that is introduced right in the middle of the Joseph narrative.
- Now consider Deuteronomy 23:2.
- Go back to Matthew 1: 1-6 and let's count the generations from Judah and Tamar- 1-Perez, 2-Hezron, 3-Ram, 4-Amminadab, 5-Nahshon, 6-Salmon, 7-Boaz, 8-Obed, 9- Jesse
- **AND #10- DAVID**

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FAMILY HISTORY

- David was given an opportunity to do what none of his ancestors had been able to do before him.
 - **HE WAS ABLE TO GO TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD!**
 - It was the ability to restore his family's name and remove his family's shame.
 - This may also explain his fascination with and deep desire to build a house for the Lord.
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FELLOWSHIP

- He thought about the blessings of gathering as a nation to celebrate and praise God.
- He considered how this was such a unifying thing for the people of Israel.
 - Look at verses 2-4.
 - Psalm 133:1



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PEACE

- Notice also in our text, “I was glad when THEY said to me, let US go to the house of the Lord.”
- This demonstrates that multiple folks wanted to go.
- David knew that the only way for Israel as a nation to continue to exist peacefully and prosperously was through serving and worshiping Jehovah. **Pr. 14:34.**
- Vss. 6-9- The more people love God, the better we all are.

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- Conclusion:
- We should all be glad to go to worship because of family.
 - We need to lead our families in the way of God.
- Because of fellowship
- Because of peace

