

Psalm 132: Remember David.

This is a prayer of the congregation that the Lord would remember David's vow concerning the dwelling place for the Ark.

It is difficult to know the setting of the psalm. Perhaps it was a prayer by the returned exiles who wondered about the fulfillment of God's promises to David, primarily the promises of eternal dominion to David's family and of worship in righteousness in Zion.

1-5: A call to the LORD to **remember** David sufferings and desires. David's life and work were keenly felt at the time of the return from Babylon, as he was the king who had centralized the nation's worship in Jerusalem.

The specific aspect of this prayer was David's oath not to rest till he found a place for the LORD to dwell. David desired to build the temple in 2 Samuel 7. That desire evidenced his great devotion, for which the LORD made a covenant with him. This prayer calls for God to honor His promises at a time when they seemed jeopardized.

6-8: The congregation began to feel confident that their prayer would be answered.

The congregation recalled Israel's hearing that the Ark of the covenant was **in Ephrathah** and finding it. It had rested for 20 years in Jaar until David moved it to Zion.

The people resolved to worship in the place David had designated for the Ark. It was called **the Ark** of God's might because in battle it symbolized God's strength and victory.

9-10: The people's prayer for the Lord to visit them was accompanied by their prayer that **the priests be clothed with righteousness**, that the **saints sing for joy**, and that the Lord not reject David, His **anointed** king.

11-18: These verses record a revelation from the LORD confirming His earlier promises to David. The Lord reiterated His **oath to David that descendants** of his would reign **forever (10-12)**.

The LORD then affirmed His choice of Mount Zion (13-14) which He would **bless with abundant provisions, including food** for the poor, **salvation for the priests**, and **joy for the saints**. God also promised the appearance and crowning of His Anointed One, the Messiah (17-18).

- i. Clothing with righteousness/salvation.

Isaiah 61:10 - *I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.*

2 Corinthians 5:21 - For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

ii. Joy.

Psalms 30:5 - For His anger is but for a moment, his favor is for life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

Psalms 32:11 - Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Romans 14:17 - for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 - Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

iii. Provision.

Philippians 4:19 - And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 9:10 - Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness,