

## Psalm 132—A New King and An Eternal City

- **MAIN IDEA:**
  - ON THIS JOURNEY, GOD HAS GIVEN US A GOOD, SOVEREIGN AND RIGHTEOUS KING WHO IS LEADING US TO HIS GOOD, PERFECT AND ETERNAL CITY.
  - 2 Effects of this reality:
    - It STABILIZES us here—we see this earth as neither hopeless nor the source of our hope.
- **Outline of Psalm 132**
  - v.1-10—The Psalmist Passionate Request
  - V.11-18—The Lord's Divine Response
  - **Linked together:**
    - v. 2 = David makes VOW to God → v.11 = God makes an OATH to David.
    - v.8-9 = Request → v.13-16 = Response
- **The Davidic Covenant**
  - 2 Samuel 7:12-17
    - vv. 12-13, 16—When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish your kingdom. He shall build a house for my name and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever...and your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me.
  - 2 Big Pieces of this Covenant:
    1. The Promise of a King on the Throne
    2. The Promise of God's Dwelling in Jerusalem
- **The Thrust of the Request (v.8-9)**
  - **v.8—Prayer for God to Establish His Dwelling Place**
    - Initial Application: this Psalm is POST-EXILE, meaning the Temple is destroyed and Jerusalem is in ruins—the people of God have no place to worship and the Spirit of God has no place to rest.
    - Our Reality: In the coming of Jesus, God's dwelling moves from a PLACE to a PEOPLE.
  - **v.9—Prayer for the Priests' Righteousness**
    - Initial Application: The exiled believers had been long under the discipline of God for disobedience and this is a cry for righteousness to re-enter the people of God.
    - Our Reality: In the coming of Jesus, he takes our sin and all believers receive his PERFECT RIGHTEOUSNESS.
      - 2 Corinthians 5:21—For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
  - **v.9—Prayer for Joy**
    - Initial Application—the people of God were under deep suffering as exiles.
    - Our Reality: In the coming of Jesus, we receive good news of great joy, our rescue from sin. (Luke 2:10)

- v.10—Prayer for God to Not Turn Away His Face
  - Initial Application: exile, in many ways, felt like God had let the Israelites go. He had sent them into a foreign land and had given them over to their enemies. This is a cry for him to turn his eyes back to them.
  - Our Reality: Jesus has promised that he is with us always, even to the end of the age.
    - Matt. 28:20—and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.
    - Matt. 27:46—My God, my God, why have you forsaken me.

What we see here is that there is a request-response going on here that is focused on the future, the eternal, the coming of Jesus and him establishing the Kingdom.

- 3 Major Christ-Exalting Themes in God's Response
  - The Establishment of God's Throne In Jerusalem (v.11, 14)
    - Truth: While the literal line of David is mentioned, that line was not eternal. However, this theme was pointing to King Jesus who would come, die and rise from the dead and whose throne is eternal.
      - Revelation 11:15—the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.
  - God's Blessings on the People of God (v.15-16)
    - Truth: God's response points us to a future day when the fullness of his blessings are poured out. This ideal future state will only come to be when Jesus Christ returns.
      - The rule of man ... has been characterized with irreconcilable ambitions and conflicts of interests. The brains of man have been dedicated to the production of military machines and accouterments for the scattering of death and desolation among the inhabitants of the earth. ... Man has looked for peace and found war. He has talked of brotherhood and love and has seen hatred and persecution. He has boasted of his civilization, enlightenment, and progress, and the so-called heathen have upbraided him for his godless practices. ... He has spent billions of dollars for war; millions for pleasure; and only a few paltry thousands for the spreading of the gospel of Christ. ... It ... gives no promise of improvement. As it was, so it is, and will be until the King comes back. There has not been a period since the fall of man in which the race has enjoyed or witnessed the condition which prophecy declares shall obtain in the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ.— WH Rogers
  - The Coming Messiah and the Establishment of the Kingdom (v.17-18)
    - Truth: Jesus will usher in the full Kingdom therefore we must keep our allegiance firm to Christ and our eyes fixed on the city to come.
      - Colossians 3:1-4—If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, no on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.
      - Hebrews 13:14—For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.

- **Conclusion:**
  - Psalm 132 gives us hope for the journey in 2 primary places:
    - New King—Jesus Christ, the perfect, powerful and eternally reigning Messiah.
    - New Jerusalem—the eternal city of joy, worship and blessing where God's people live with him forever.