

Evening Sermon / January 23, 2022 / Psalm 132 “God’s Eternal Dwelling”
A Song of Ascents. Of David.

I. *The remembrance of David, the LORD’s remembrance -*
LORD, remember David... Psalm 132:A

1. *In all his afflictions -*

And all his afflictions; ALL? *From Saul? Undeserved, despite righteousness ... From Absalom – Deserved, because of sin ... In the frailty of old age, though young, died at 75*

2. *Remember his commitment -*

² How he swore to the LORD, **and** vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob: ³ “Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house, Or go up to the comfort of my bed; ⁴ I will not give sleep to my eyes Or slumber to my eyelids, ⁵ Until I find a place for the LORD, A dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob.” Psalm 132:2-5 (NKJV)

A. *David swore, Solomon built a temple that God would destroy due to sin, it was rebuilt and*

destroyed again, according to Christ’s word ...

² And Jesus answered and said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” Mark 13:2 (NKJV)

B. *Christ (the Son of David) builds the temple which is indestructible -*

¹⁸ ... and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. Matthew 16:18 B (NKJV)

¹⁹ Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. Ephesians 2:19–22 (NKJV)

3. *We remember the Son of David, and His afflictions, in the Lord’s Supper –*

²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread; ²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, **“Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”** ²⁵ In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, **“This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”** ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes. 1 Corinthians 11:23–26 (NKJV)

A. *None of His afflictions are for any sin which He committed for He committed no sin ...*

²¹ For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: ²² **“Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth”;** 1 Peter 2:21–22 (NKJV)

B. *His afflictions are for our sins -*

⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:4–6 (NKJV)

II. Our remembering, our hearing, should lead to joyous worship -

⁶ Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah; We found it in the fields of the woods. ⁷ Let us go into His tabernacle; Let us worship at His footstool. ⁸ Arise, O LORD, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength. ⁹ Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, And let Your saints shout for joy. Psalm 132:6-9 (NKJV)

Heard what in Ephrathah? :6?

1. *They are hearing the invitation, the call to joyous worship -* ⁷ Let us go into His tabernacle; Let us worship at His footstool. Psalm 132:7 (NKJV)

2. *The prayer here seems look back (humanly) but in reality looks forward to Christ -*

¹⁰ For Your servant David's sake, Do not turn away the face of Your Anointed. Psalm 132:10

III. Look to the LORD's promises –

¹¹ The LORD has sworn *in* truth to David; He will not turn from it: "I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body. ¹² If your sons will keep My covenant And My testimony which I shall teach them, Their sons also shall sit upon your throne forevermore." Psalm 132:11-12 (NKJV)

1. *David's sons quickly Failed, to keep God's commandments –*

2. *God's promises are fulfilled by our Lord Jesus, all of them –*

¹⁸ But as God *is* faithful, our word to you was not Yes and No. ¹⁹ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes. ²⁰ For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. ²¹ Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us *is* God, ²² who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. 2 Corinthians 1:18–22 (NKJV)

IV. See God choosing Zion as choosing His people, His people are His eternal dwelling place –

¹³ For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired *it* for His dwelling place: ¹⁴ "This *is* My resting place forever; Here I will 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 I will make the horn of David grow; I will prepare a lamp for My Anointed. ¹⁸ His enemies I will clothe with shame, But upon Himself His crown shall flourish." Psalm 132:13-18 (NKJV)

1. *Not chosen because better, but better because chosen –*

⁶ "For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. ⁷ The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; ⁸ but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Deuteronomy 7:6–8 (NKJV)

Verse 13.—"For the LORD hath chosen Zion," etc. The Lord's pitching upon any place to dwell there comes not of the worthiness of the place, or persons, but from God's good pleasure alone. The Lord having chosen his church, rests in his love to her: he smells a sweet savor of Christ, and this makes his seat among his people steadfast.—David Dickson.

2. *We too, are chosen to be holy –*

just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, Ephesians 1:4 (NKJV)

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