

Sermon: The Love of God's Heart  
Scripture: Psalm 87

### Introduction

- I. God loves the church.
  - A. God chose the foundation of Zion (Ps. 132:13; I Chron. 28:2,3; II Sam. 7:13).
  - B. God chose the foundation of the church (I Cor. 3:11; Ps. 118:22,23; Matt. 21:42; Eph. 2:20; I Peter 2:4).
  - C. God loves corporate worship (v. 2; Heb. 10:24,25; Acts 2:41,42).
  - D. Application: What would be different in your life if there were no church to attend?
  
- II. God speaks of the church in glorious terms (v. 3-6).
  - A. Christ shed His blood for the church (Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:25).
  - B. The church is Christ's bride (Eph. 5:25).
  - C. The church is the ground of truth (I Tim. 3:15).
  - D. The church is a place of shepherding (Heb. 13:17).
  - E. The church is a place of evangelism (vv. 4-5; Ps. 86:9).
  - F. Application: Do you speak gloriously of the church? "Zion has no reasons to be ashamed of her sons nor her sons of her." C. Spurgeon
  
- III. God's people love the church (v. 7).