

**POINT: DELIVERANCE FROM SLANDER** (Ps.120; see 52:2f; 57:4; etc; Gal.5:15; Eph.4:25,29; Col.3:9)

**I. THE SONGS OF ASCENTS** (Ps.120-134)

- A. **LITERARY STEPS** (see 2,3; 6,7)
- B. **LITURGICAL STEPS** (1Sam.2:28)
- C. **FESTIVAL STEPS** (2Chr.8:13; Ps.24:3; Is.2:3; Jn.7:8; see Heb.12:22f)
- D. **SUMMARY: BEGINNING TO GO UP** (Ps.120-134; Zion, Jerusalem)

**II. THE RELATIONSHIP OF PARTS**

- A. **PAST EXPERIENCE SUMMARIZED, THEN DETAILED** (1; 2-7)
- B. **PAST EXPERIENCE, PRESENT TROUBLE** (1; 2-7)
- C. **CURRENT TROUBLE, PRESENT ASSURANCE, PERSEVERING PRAYER** (1a, 1b(1S1:17f) , 2-7)

**III. A PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE FROM SLANDER**

- A. **DELIVERANCE** (2a; Am.4:11; Zech.3:2; Col.1:13)
  - B. **MY SOUL** (2a; Gen.2:7(1Th.5:23); 34:8; Ps.23:3; Acts 2:27)
  - C. **LYING LIPS** (2; 31:13,18; Prov.10:18)
  - D. **DECEITFUL TONGUE** (2b; 10:7; 52:2,4; 109:2; 1Pt3:10;*slander*,Ps50:19,20; 52:4; Mt15:19; Rm1:29f; 1Pt2:12; 3:16)
  - E. **BINDING TESTIMONY** (3a; see 1Kngs.2:23(2Sam.3:9); Ex.20:16; see Mt.26:60; Acts 6:13)
  - F. **WAR** (4a,7b; Ps.55:21; 140:1f; 2Cor.10:3f; Eph.6:10f)
  - G. **SHARP ARROWS** (4a; 57:4; Prov.30:14; Eph.6:16 and Ps.(57:6); 7:12f; 18:14; Jer.50:14)
  - H. **BURNING COALS** (4b; see 2Sam.14:7; Prov.25:22 and Ps.18:8,12,13; 140:9f; Mk.9:48; Rev.19:20; 20:10)
  - I. **WOE** (war; 5a; Is.6:5; 24:16; Dan.9:5f)
  - J. **RESIDENT ALIEN** (5,6; 23:5; Dt.10:18; see 1Pt.2:11; ,3,5)
    - 1. Meshech (5a; see Is.66:19; Gen.10:2; dangerous north)
    - 2. Kedar (5b; see Jer.2:10; 49:28; Gen.25:13; treacherous east)
    - 3. metaphorical (5a,b; Ezk.32:26; Is.21:16f; see Ps.41:9; 55:12,13,20; see Gal.5:15; Eph.4:31; Col.3:8)
  - K. **PEACE** (6b,7a; see 122:6-8; 125:5; 128:6; see 34:14; Rom.12:18)
  - L. **WAR** (7,4a; see 1,2f; Ps.55:20,21; 140:1f; 2Cor.10:3f; Eph.6:10f)
- SUMMARY: LONGING TO GO HOME** (see Ps.126:1f; Mt.11:28; Jn.16:33)

**IV. PRAY FOR DELIVERANCE FROM SLANDER!** (Ps.120:1-7)

- A. **SEEK PEACE** (7a; see Ps.34:14; Rom.12:18-13:7; 1Cor.4:13)
- B. **BE PREPARED FOR WAR** (2f; see Eph.6:10f; 2Cor.10:3f; 1Pt.5:8; Rev.12:17f)
- C. **A WAR OF FALSE WORDS INTENDED TO DESTROY** (2b; 10:7; 31:13; 52:2,4; 109:2; 1Pt.2:12; 3:10; *slander*, Ps.50:19,20; 52:4; Mt.15:19; Rom.1:29f; 1Pt.2:12; 3:16)
- D. **WATCH YOUR OWN MOUTH** (Ex.20:16; Ps.141; Mk.7:22; Eph.4:25,29,31; Col.3:8,12,15; Jms.3:2f; 1Pt.2:1; see Mt.18:15f; Lk.17:3)
- E. **GIVE THE ENEMY NOTHING TO WORK WITH** (1Tm.5:14; 1Pt.2:12; 3:16)
- F. **PRAY FOR DELIVERANCE FROM SLANDER** (Ps.120; see 50,52,57,64; Rom.12:19f; 13:1f; see Ps.7:1; 31:15; 43:1; 51:14; 59:1,2; 69:14; 142:6; 143:9; 144:7)
- G. **LONG FOR HOME** (2f; Songs of Ascents; see Heb.12:22f; 1Pt.5:6-11; 2Pt.3:13; Rev.21,22; Ps.43:1)