

## **INTRODUCTION**

- A. ASCENTS** (120-134; *geographical, spiritual*; perh. architectural, literary, vocal; 2Chr8:13; Ps24:3; Hb12:22f)
- B. FINALE** (134:3(120-134); see Gen.48:9f; Lev.9:22; 1Chr.16:2; Lk.24:50; Acts 20:32)
- C. GRAMMATICAL** (1,2 & 3; *blessing of God: objective genitive & subjective genitive*)
- D. RECIPROCAL** (1a&2b; see 115:18&15,12f; see 126:5; Jn.14:21,23; 16:27 with 1Jn.4:19; Ex.20:1f)
- E. ANTIPHONAL** (1,2 & 3; see 129:8; Ruth 2:4)

## **I. BLESSING GOD (1,2)**

- A. BEHOLD: FULL ATTENTION** (1; see 133:1; 132:6; 128:4; see Acts 1:14; 2:42; 6:4; 1Tm.4:15,11f; 2Tm.2:15)
- B. BLESS: CONFESS HIS GOODNESS** (1a & 2b; see Ps.124:6-8; see 103:1,2,20-22; 104:1,35; Acts 2:11; Eph.1:3f)
- C. THE LORD: THE COVENANT REDEEMER** (1(3x),2,3; see Ex.6:7; 20:1; note: *Lord Jesus*)
- D. ALL SERVANTS OF THE LORD** (1; see 113:1; 135:1,2; see 134:3 w/Num.6:23f)
- E. STANDING IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD IN THE NIGHT** (1b; Dt.10:8; 18:7; see Lev.6:13; 8:35; 1Chr.9:33; 23:30; 2Chr.29:11; Is.30:29; Lk.2:4; Rev.4:8; see Ps.121:6b)
- F. LIFT UP YOUR HANDS TO THE SANCTUARY** (2; 28:2; see Gen.48:9f,14; Lev.9:22; Neh.8:6; Ps.63:4; Mk.10:16; Lk.4:40; 24:50; Acts 8:17f; 1Tm.4:14; see 1Tm.2:8)

## **II. GOD BLESSING (3)**

- A. THE LORD: THE COVENANT REDEEMER** (1(3x),2,3; see Ex.6:7; 20:1; note: *Lord Jesus*)
- B. FROM ZION: WILLING TO BLESS** (3a; 128:5; see Dt.26:15see Jn.2:19f; Col.1:19; 2:9; Rom.8:32)
- C. MADE ALL THINGS: ABLE TO BLESS** (3b; Gen.14:19; Ps.115:15; see Ps.121:2; 124:8; 135:5,6; 146:6; Acts 17:24; Rev.5:13)
- D. BLESS: CONFER HIS GOODNESS** (3a; see Num.6:24f; Lk.24:50; see Dt.26:11; 1Kngs.8:66; Is.63:7; Jer.32:42; 33:9)
- E. YOU: THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHERED AS ONE MAN** (3(sng.), Ascents; see 133:1f; Neh.8:1,6; Eph.2:11f; Heb.10:25f,19f)

## **III. LESSONS FOR FAITH & LIFE**

- A. ASCEND IN PUBLIC WORSHIP TO CONFESS THE LORD'S GOODNESS** (Ascents, you (sng), v.3; see Heb.12:22f; Ps.141:2)
- B. SOLEMNLY CALL YOUR OFFICERS TO BLESS THE LORD DILIGENTLY** (1,2; see Acts 6:4; 1Tm.3:1f; 4:11f; 5:17)
- C. EARNESTLY SEEK THE BLESSING OF GOD THROUGH HIS OFFICERS** (3; see Lev.9:22 with Num.6:24f; Dt.21:5; Acts 6:4f; 1Tm.3:1f; Phil.1:1)

*Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)*