

INTRODUCTION

- A. THE PSALMS OF ASCENTS** (120-134; *geographical, spiritual*; perh. architectural, literary, vocal;; 2Chr8:13; Ps24:3; Hb12:22f)
- B. HOPE IN MIDST OF DEADLY TROUBLE** (3; see 73:1,2f; 13,14; Mt.24:22,24; Acts 6:9f; 7:54f)
- C. CONFESSION & PETITION** (1-3 & 4,5; see Ps.123:1,2 & 3,4; Mt.6:9&10f; see Jms.1:5f)
- D. POINT: ENCOURAGEMENT IN PERSEVERANCE** (125:1-5; see Mt.28:20; Heb.13:5,8)

I. CONFESSION (1,2; see 123:1,2; Mt.6:9)

- A. BELIEVING: COGNIZANCE, CONVICTION, COMMITMENT** (1,2f; see 34:8; Mt.7:15; Jms.2:19)
- B. IN GOD: CREATOR, SUSTAINER, SAVIOR** (1; see Ps.19; Rom.1,2; Jn.1:18)
- C. LIKE ZION: IMMOVABLE** (1; see 121:1-3; 46:1f; Mt.7:24; Heb.13:8; versus Is.40:20; Prov.23:5)
- D. LIKE JERUSALEM: SURROUNDED** (2; see Ps.121:1f; 2Kngs.19:21f (Eph.1:18f); Is.54:10)
- E. IMPORTANCE: FINISH** (3,5; see Mt.10:22; 24:13)

II. CONTEXT (3; see Ps.73; 2Tm.4:1f)

- A. WICKED IN CONTROL: WILL NOT CONTINUE** (3a; see 73:17f; e.g., Ex.12:41; Jer.25:11; Dan.2,etc.; Lk.24:7; Rom.6:9; 2Cor.4:17; 1Pt.5:10)
- B. THE PROMISED BLESSING OF THE RIGHTEOUS** (3a,4; see 73:1; Dt.28:2; Ps.85:10; Habb.2:4; Mt.5:3f)
- C. PURPOSE: PERSEVERE IN CONFIDENT EXPECTATION** (3b /Rm4:18-20; 5:4f; 8:25; 12:12; 15:4; 2Pt3:11f)
- D. NOT LIFT A FINGER TO SIN** (3b; see Ps.73:2f; 141:4; Is.32:6; Mt.24:22,24)

III. CALL (4,5; see 123:3,4; Mt.6:10f)

- A. FULFILL PROMISES** (4,3a; 1-3; see Deut.27:12,13 (c.27-30); Lk.6:20-26)
- B. BLESS OBEDIENCE** (4,3a; see 73:1; 85:10; Dt.28:2; Habb.2:4; Mt.5:3f /note: heart & hand,4; Mt.7:17f; 1Tm.1:5)
- C. CURSE APOSTACY WITH THE REST OF DISOBEDIENCE** (5,3; see Ezk.33:13,18; Mt.24:12,13; 1Tm.1:6; 5:15; 2Tm.4:4; 1Jn.2:19)
- D. SUMMARY: PEACE** (5; see 4&5; see Num.6:23-26; 2Cor.13:14)

IV. LOOK TO GOD TO PRESERVE YOU SO THAT YOU WILL PERSEVERE TO THE END (1,2f; see 2Kngs.19:21f; Acts 7:54f; Eph.1:18f; Heb.1:14)

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