

The Psalms of Ascents: Psalms 120 - 121

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Psalm 120 (Theme: Peace)

- How would you characterize the overall tone of Psalm 120? Why would this psalm be relevant to the Jews traveling to Jerusalem to worship?
- From verses 1 & 2, describe the request made by the author. How can we relate to this situation?
- Describe the question asked and the answer given in verses 3 & 4. What point is the author making about our speech?
(*Psalm 52: 2 – 4; Proverbs 26: 18 – 19*)
- In verses 5 & 6, what situation does the author reference regarding the influence of the world on those who are faithful to God?
(*1 John 2: 15 – 17*)
- How can you relate to the situation that the author describes in Verse 7? What challenges do we encounter in our search for peace? (*John 14: 27*)

Psalm 121 (Theme: Providence)

- What confidence do we gain from the statements made in verses 1 & 2?
- How would you describe the point made in verses 3 & 4 in relation to the providence of God? (*Exodus 15: 2; Romans 8: 31 – 32*)
- From verses 5 & 6, how does God watch over us? What protection and comfort does He provide? (*Deuteronomy 31: 6; 2 Thessalonians 3: 3*)
- In verses 7 & 8, what does it mean that God “keeps” us? Why doesn’t God shelter us from all challenges in life? (*James 1: 12*)

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The Psalms of Ascents: Psalms 122 – 123

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Psalm 122 (Theme: Worship)

- From verses 1 & 2, how would you characterize the attitude of the people towards worship (as they journeyed toward Jerusalem)? How would you characterize your attitude toward worship? (*Psalm 96: 8 – 9*)
- In verses 3 – 5, consider the author's description of Jerusalem. How can we relate these characteristics to a congregation of the Lord's church?
- In verses 6 & 7, what is the focus of the author's prayer? What example does this set for us? (*Philippians 4: 6 – 7*)
- What do we learn about the importance of unity among God's people from verses 8 & 9? How does this point relate to the overall theme of worship? (*1 Peter 3: 8 – 9*)

Psalm 123 (Theme: Mercy)

- According to verse 1, what should our attitude be regarding our relationship with God? (*Psalm 103: 19*)
- Describe the illustration provided in verse 2. What points does the author make regarding our reverence for God? (*Hebrews 12: 28*)
- From verses 3 & 4, how would you define God's mercy? (*1 Peter 1: 3*)
- How can we relate to the sentiment conveyed in verses 3 & 4? (*Isaiah 41: 10; 1 Peter 5: 6 – 7*)