

# The Psalms of Ascents: Psalm 134 and Review

*Sunday, March 26*

**Note:** We will conduct our quarterly song service on Wednesday, March 29.

## **Psalm 134 (Themes: Praise and Blessing)**

- In verse 1, who could be the subject of the author's reference to those he describes as "servants of the Lord, who stand (serve or minister) by night" in the Temple? What could this indicate about the focus of the psalm?
- From verses 1 & 2, what does it mean to bless the Lord? What is the setting of these two verses? (*Psalm 103: 1 – 5*)
- Reviewing all three verses, why is it significant that the author mentions blessing the Lord in two verses, while mentioning God's blessings only once (in the last verse)? (*Numbers 6: 23 – 27; Ephesians 1: 3; James 1: 17*)
- Why is this psalm an appropriate conclusion to the Psalms of Ascents?

## **Course Review**

- Describe some of the theories as to why these psalms were grouped together and given the title of Psalms of Ascents (or Degrees).
- What would you identify as some overall themes of the combined Psalms of Ascents?
- How do those themes relate to the possible reasons that these songs were sung?