

“Songs of a Pilgrim”
Psalm 122; 123; 124; 125; 131

Introduction

1. Look at 5 songs that touch the important places of our lives.
2. Singing or listening to songs is something that most of us do – and what we listen to shapes much of our thinking whether consciously or unconsciously.
3. “Songs of a Pilgrim” - A Pilgrim is one on a journey.
4. A Pilgrim is one who is traveling from his home. As Christians we are not home. We are travelers.

I. A Song of Praise (Ps. 122) SLIDES 1-2

- A. A Song of Ascents
 1. A Song – Singing
 2. Ascents
 - a. Elevation as in a thought arising
 - b. Speaking of the Condition of the Heart and Mind = will, emotion, intellect
 - c. Lit – “a step or grade=mark” = a step up that marks where we are in our thinking, our will, our emotion
- B. “Glad...let us go into the house of Jehovah” – Joy in Worshipping Together
 1. Jerusalem – Place to go and gather (Pilgrimage)
 - a. Tribes go up
 - b. Testimony of Israel
 - c. Testimony to God
 - d/ Give thanks in His name = honor, authority, character
 2. Pray for Peace of Jerusalem
 3. Prosper in His Peace

** I’ve noticed – those who truly worship seem to be more content then those who do not
- C. A Song of Ascents – the Elevated Condition of Praise
- D. Song of the Congregation

II. A Song of Pardon (Ps. 123) SLIDE 3

- A. A Song of Ascents – an elevated condition of the heart and mind = will, emotion, intellect
- B. “Unto You I Lift Up My Eyes”
 1. As Servants look to their master
 2. As Maidens look to their mistress
 3. Our eyes look to you
 4. FOR MERCY
- C. We are filled with:
 1. Contempt – Pride
 2. Scorn – Jealousy and Anger at those who are at Peace
- D. Grant us Mercy – Pardon
- E. Song of the Congregation

III. A Song of Protection (Ps. 124) SLIDES 4-5

- A. A Song Ascents – An Elevated Awareness
- B. God Defends His Own
 - 1. We may think we’ve saved/delivered ourselves
 - 2. BUT – God did it
 - 3. God defends His Own
 - 4. v 8 – Our Help
 - a. Strength – Defense
 - b. Is in His Name
 - Honor, Authority, Character
 - Of the Lord – Jehovah
 - The Creator
- C. What is your battle – what are you facing?
- D. A Song of Protection
- E. Song of the Congregation

IV. A Song of Provision (Ps. 125) SLIDES 6-7

- A. A Song of Ascents – an Elevated Awareness of his Provision
 - 1. Provision of Strength – POWER
 - a. To Walk in his Rightness
 - b. To Turn from “crooked ways”
 - Wicked Ways
 - Perverse Ways
 - Less than Straight Ways
 - c. Turn or Burn – Repent – Turn from the way you’re living - live the opposite
 - 2. Provision of PEACE
 - a. Wholeness
 - b. Deliverance
 - c. Oneness
- B. A Song of Provision
- C. Song of the Congregation

V. A Song of Position (Ps. 131) SLIDE 8

- A. A Song of Ascents – Elevated TRUST – the Position of my heart and mind is Trust
- B. I am not Proud
 - 1. Trusting in Myself
 - 2. Trusting in my own wisdom
- C. I am living in a Simple State
 - 1. Simple Trust
 - 2. Simple Trust in Jehovah
 - 3. Trusting in others and their wisdom – May Okay Wisdom BUT – check it or balance it with God’s Wisdom – AND – Go with God’s
- D. Where is your trust?
- E. How divided is your trust between you and others?
- F. Make it Simple – Elevate your TRUST IN JEHOVAH
- G. Song of Congregation = Invitation