

Psalm 132

Psalms 132:1-5 [New King James] *“LORD, remember David and all his afflictions; how he swore to the LORD, and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob: ‘Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house, or go up to the comfort of my bed; I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, until I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob.’”*

This refers to King David’s desire to build the Temple. When David became king he built himself a beautiful palace but he was troubled that the Ark of the Covenant, the symbol of the Creator God’s presence among the people, [Exodus 25:10-22] remained in a tent.

This so concerned David that he could not sleep until he corrected the situation. So he began to lay the plans for the temple to house the ark, [2 Samuel 7:1-17].

As Nathan told David it would be his son Solomon who would eventually build the Temple, David was disappointed that his dream would not be fulfilled.

When we read 1 Kings 5:1-18 it seems to show that King David had prepared, through friendship, experts like Hiram, King of Tyre, to desire to work for Solomon in the building of the Temple.

Psalms 132:6-10 [New King James] *“Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of the woods. Let us go into His tabernacle; let us worship at His footstool. Arise, O LORD, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength. Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let Your saints shout for joy. For Your servant David’s sake, do not turn away the face of Your Anointed.”*

This is referring to the many different resting places of the ark. The very existence of the central shrine with the ark depended on the continued existence of the Davidic throne, hence the prayer for David.

Psalms 132:11-16 [NIV] *“The LORD swore an oath to David, a sure oath that he will not revoke: ‘One of your own descendants I will place on your throne, if your sons keep my covenant and the statutes I teach them, then their sons shall sit on your throne for ever and ever.’ For the LORD has chosen Zion, he has desired it for his dwelling: ‘This is my resting place for ever and ever; here I will sit enthroned, for I have desired it, I will bless her with abundant provisions; her poor will I satisfy with food. I will clothe her priests with salvation, and her saints shall ever sing for joy.’”*

The promise that David’s sons would sit on Israel’s throne for ever is found in 2 Samuel 7:8-29. The promise had two parts:

- 1) David’s descendants would rule over Israel as long as they followed God.
- 2) **David’s royal line would never end.**

The first part was conditional.

The second part was unconditional, it was fulfilled in Jesus Christ, a descendant of David who reigns for ever.

The Creator God’s response to David changed the conception of a stone building to house the presence of the Creator God, to a more enduring expression in human flesh, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in Jesus Christ the Messiah, a descendant of King David in the flesh, then all true Christians, the Creator God’s created children, [Romans 8:9].

Nevertheless a relationship was affirmed between the Creator God and Zion, [verses 13-14].

We see this at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, this time to rule over all humanity, [**Revelation 3:12; Isaiah 2:1-4; Joel 3:16; Amos 1:2; Zechariah 14:8-9**].

Provision for the poor, [**verse 15**] has always been an act of the Creator God, clothing is seen symbolically as expressing character and function, [**verse 9**] and dispense knowledge of salvation as teachers of God's Word, [**verse 16**].

Psalms 132:17-18 [New King James] *“There I will make the horn of David grow; I will prepare a lamp for My Anointed. His enemies I will clothe with shame, but upon Himself His crown shall flourish.”*

“Horn” symbolises strength, [**Zechariah 1:18-19**].

“Lamp” is symbolic of perpetuity, [**1 Kings 11:36**].

The power and glory of the Messiah [God's anointed Jesus Christ] will last for ever, putting all His enemies to shame, [Hebrews 10:11-13].