

19-Psalms-75-Transcript

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to another Wednesday night bible study where we study the scripture line upon

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line good news and bad news as far as the technology front goes this evening

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God willing we will finish the Psalms of ascent and the good news well let me

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give you the bad news first the bad news is for some strange reason my computer is not recognizing my Bible software I

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like to present or project the scriptures so that you can read along with me I'm not going to be able to do

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that this evening that means unfortunately you need to look at me while I and hopefully follow along in

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your Bible maybe look down at your Bible so you don't have to be looking at me the whole time I'll try to go slower

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when I'm referencing or cross-referencing other scriptures so you have a chance to get there but

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please get your Bibles and follow along in your Bibles and I apologize that I cannot project

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scriptures this week so that's the bad news the good news is pastor Murray will

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be joining us again and his audio is crisp and clean we we did manage to

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identify what the problem was and it had to do with his Wi-Fi so he's uh in our church Hall where he has a great

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internet there and that's very close to where he lives so thanks to pastor Murray for doing that and we'll have a

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nice Clear Connection uh that means that we're doing cute live q a again this

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evening so I'll get through the scriptures I'll invite pastor Murray in to provide any comments that he has with

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this uh these this final cluster of the Psalms of ascent and then we will answer

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any questions that you have so please think about any questions you have go ahead and type them in the chat I'll

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open with the word of prayer I'll confirm that I'm coming through loudly and clearly and then we'll get into the

3:01

scriptures for this evening our loving Heavenly Father we praise you we thank

3:06

you God we know that Christ told us that it would be as it was in the days of

3:12

Noah just before his return and from all the violence and darkness

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and perverse perversion that we see Lord we know that we are getting very very close

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we thank you for this truth that you've given to us we thank you for the ancient scriptures we thank you for the faithful

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men and women Through Time who have carried this truth and we thank you God that we now have this

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opportunity and burden of holding on to this truth in such a such a time as this

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but we do thank you for the scriptures and we thank you God for the strength that we derive from the scriptures we

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thank you for your Holy Spirit we pray God that you will imbue us with more of your spirit and we thank you for

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your son and our Savior Jesus Christ Yeshua the Messiah we praise you we

4:03

thank you and we pray in his name amen amen so we are going to cover Psalms 131

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to 134 I just want to check the audio thank you Pastor Murray audio and video

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are good uh so again I apologize that I do not have uh the ability to project

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the scriptures this evening so let us just begin in Psalm 131 uh it is a Psalm

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of ascent and it tells us plainly that David is the author of this Psalm so

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this is a davidic Psalm Psalm 131 and verse 1. Lord this is King David

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speaking my heart is not haughty and it's interesting uh actually I should I

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should have cross-referenced that I don't have the reference here now but he says Lord my heart is not haughty nor my

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eyes lofty and it's so interesting that David's brother accused him of exactly

5:03

this that I I know the arrogance that's in your heart he says to David when David

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came to check out what's going on with with the armies of Israel and and how are they faring and why is this Goliath

5:15

uh withstanding the armies of Israel and and all Israel was terrified and the older brother of David accused

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him of being arrogant so you know it should be no surprise to us if even

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within our own community we have Brethren who accuse us of being

5:35

arrogant I certainly get my share of accusations of being arrogant it should be no surprise to us God knows our heart

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and David in his private prayer time could turn to God and say God oh Lord

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you know my heart is not haughty nor my eyes lofty in fact David said is

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there not a cause is there not a reason why we would not be Valiant for the sake

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of the Lord he says my so he said that is there not a cause

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he says nor are my eyes lofty so this is a very very humble man he's the king of Israel

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or or soon to be and and very humble neither do I exercise myself in great

6:17

matters or in things too high for me in the cross-reference I have here now just

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we'll stay in Psalm 131 but the the thought cross-reference I have is Romans 12 and verse 16 to sort of bring this up

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to date uh in in the Christian walk Romans 12 and verse 16 he says be of the

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same mind one toward another and that's the mind of Christ mind not high things

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but condescend to Men of lowest State and you know I don't know many of you

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know pastor ramakan but I think he exemplifies this here's a man that his professional life

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he interacts with fairly significant people including the

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late Queen of England and yet he is one of the most humble men

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and he condescends to Men of law estate everyday people like you and I he he

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interacts with this is the way we should be that we see the world not in the same

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way that the natural man or the natural woman looks at the world we see the

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world spiritually and we see that all of this is passing away and so we are humble in our

approach we

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are focused on God we we are focused on the future and the way things are going to unfold after

Christ returns that

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that's our Focus he says my uh Romans 12 16 Paul says be of the same mind one to

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another mind not high things but condescend to Men of Lower State be not

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wise in your own conceits don't don't be so self-conceited but we should be able

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to be very very comfortable mixing with what the world would consider the those of lowest

State we

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should see ourselves the same way we're all we're all Brethren and as I mentioned I think Pastor

ramakan is just

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a wonderful example of what David says here in Romans 1 in Psalm 131 that I you

8:19

know my heart isn't haughty my eyes are not lofty neither do I exercise myself

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in great matters or in things too high for me so David was a very very humble

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man verse two of Psalm 131 surely he he's speaking to God he's praying to

8:36

God that he's able to say this despite the accusations against him surely I

8:42

have behaved and quieted myself as a child that is weaned of his mother

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my soul is even as a weaned child and you you look at that beautiful

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relationship with a child and its mother initially the child is just taking

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everything from the mother eventually the the child will begin to smile at the mother once the child is weaned it's no

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longer in such a dependent State upon its mother now it can get up it can run

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around but it still comes back to its mother and it comes back to its mother for that affection

9:19

for that embrace for that warmth that they share and and so here David is beyond a

9:26

newborn babe he's now as a child that's weaned of his mother but still he sees himself

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as as in this intimate relationship with God he says my soul is even as a weaned

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child and again I remember in my walk with God very early on when I was just being

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called and very far actually from understanding the truth of God but I was

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being called the young man probably 15 16 years old and I remember just sitting with this old uh polish man

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and and he said he crafted something out of wood which he gave me as a gift and then he said to me

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um his words his advice to me was when you're talking with God be like a child

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just be like a child with God and so he understood something and this is how we have to be as this

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child that's weaned which is you know David is saying there's a degree of maturity here he's gone beyond the

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newborn babe he's but he's still seeing himself as a child here in uh Hebrews 5

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and verse 12. we believe it's the Apostle Paul that's

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why if you understand how Paul thinks and reasons and is his uh just sort of teaching style it's very clear to me

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that he's the author of Hebrews and I used to be very clear to others it's recent Scholars that are saying they

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don't know they they could attribute Hebrews to many potential people to me when I study Hebrews it's the mind of

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all that's speaking to me so I I do believe it's the Apostle Paul but Hebrews 5 and verse 12.

11:04

he says to the Hebrews for for when for the time you ought to

11:11

be teachers you should have matured to the point now of being teachers and so

11:16

this is something that is like this expectation that you've been around long enough now you should be teachers

11:24

and and so to all of us we should be maturing to this point where we should be able to teach

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we can't just come in and sit down and decades go by and we're still sitting down and we're not productive in Christ

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we should all be productive in Christ we should all be growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ and we should all be reaching that point where we can teach

11:44

for when for the time you ought to be teachers you actually have need that one teach

11:51

you again which be the first principles of the Oracles of God

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that there's something that you're not quite putting this together and we need to go back to First principles and you

12:04

need to start putting the pieces build a proper foundation so that we can actually go on to higher learning but

12:11

you have become such as have need of milk and not of strong meat for everyone

12:18

that uses milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness for he is a babe but

12:24

strong meat belongs to them that are full of age even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to

12:32

discern both good and evil so you just get the sense of of maturing of of going

12:39

on to a higher level of understanding David is using the concept of a newborn

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babe being weaned and going on to becoming a toddler the Apostle here is

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giving the metaphor of being a babe and moving on from milk

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to strong meat in both cases it's about this walk with God is a walk of maturing

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and and and being able to digest more from God uh and Paul says to the point where we should be able to teach

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in John 4 and verse 34 John 4 verse 34

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by Jesus himself he says Jesus said unto them my meat

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my sustenance my meat is to do the will of him that sent me and to finish his

13:33

work so this is now giving us a sense of the the ultimate maturity in Christ is

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for us to to be so productive that what sustains us is to do the will of God

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he goes on to say here back to Psalm 131 and verse 3. so this is now the psalm he

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comes to this conclusion after being very uh intimate with God and being very

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open and transparent with God in terms of his personal situation he now concludes with

14:06

let Israel verse 3 let Israel hope in the Lord

14:11

from henceforth and forever this is this is David

14:16

and in his personal reflection of his relationship with God he's able to

14:22

conclude it with let Israel hope in the Lord from now and forever

14:28

he said forever so we've got to get our doctrinal understanding correct we've got to get

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our our scriptural grasp the the ability to to be skillful in in

14:42

the word of God rightly Discerning the word of truth if King David

14:47

in this intimate moment with God is able to conclude to say to all that

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based on my relationship with God my intimacy with God my understanding of

14:58

the father let me say to all Israel hope in the Lord from now on and forever

15:04

so what is if I could ask you please what is your perspective

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on God's relationship with Israel now and forever

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and what sort of Hope should Israel have in Jehovah now and forever

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and what does that mean to us as followers of Christ this understanding that Israel should

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hope in Jehovah now and forever just just asking in Isaiah 30

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and verse 18 with Isaiah is in the archive Isaiah says

15:44

and therefore will the Lord wait why will the Lord wait Isaiah

15:50

that he may be gracious unto you he's speaking to Judah God is going to wait so that he can be

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gracious unto you this is going back to Moses in Deuteronomy certainly in Deuteronomy 30 where it sucked the whole

16:03

pattern is summarized and I recently spoke on this in a series called the joy of the Lord but he says here therefore

16:09

will the Lord wait that he may be gracious unto you and therefore will he be exalted by

16:17

being gracious unto you by being gracious unto Judah and ultimately being gracious unto Israel this is how the

16:24

Lord will be exalted this this is God's plan for his exaltation

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by being gracious unto the children of Israel

16:34

he says by being gracious unto you and therefore will he be exalted

16:40

that he may have mercy upon you for the Lord is a god of judgment

16:47

blessed are all they that wait for him that hope in him David says to all

16:53

Israel hope in the Lord from henceforth and forever Isaiah continues in verse 19 for the

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people that is the Jewish people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem this is

17:06

concluded this is this is this is God's decision he's a god of

17:12

judgment this is his judgment the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem

17:17

you shall weep no more all of this suffering all of this persecution all of this affliction

17:23

it's part of the plan but it's going to stop he will be very gracious unto you

17:28

at the voice of your cry when he shall hear it he will answer you

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So In Our Gospel preaching what is our message to Israel what is

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our message to Judah that they may find Hope in Jehovah now and forever if we're

17:48

going to align ourselves with scripture it's a question the next Psalm in the psalm of ascent

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Psalm 132 it's also a song of degrees it doesn't

18:00

say who the author is could be David my sense is that it's Solomon

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but we don't know it's not unlike Psalm 131 we know that was a Psalm of David Psalm 132 a song of degree is a Psalm of

18:14

ascent they're making their way to Jerusalem during the fifth Festival season

18:19

Lord remember David and all his afflictions so he's a man

18:26

that suffered Christ suffered uh we suffer but that's not the whole story we

18:31

have to stay be patient and stay with the story until the outcome Lord remember David and all his

18:38

afflictions how he swore unto the Lord and vowed

18:44

unto the Mighty God of Jacob so and I think this is Solomon just

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reflecting his father's life and the the loyalty that David had to God and and the vow to

18:58

the god of Jacob the Mighty God so this understanding again he's the Mighty God he's not just the Mighty God

19:05

of course we serve a mighty God the scripture tells us he's the Mighty God of Jacob

19:12

he's the Holy One of Israel surely I will not come into the

19:18

Tabernacle of my house nor go up into my bed I will not give sleep to my eyes nor

19:25

Slumber to my eyelids until I found out until I find out a place for the Lord

19:31

for Jehovah so this is this was David's passion that is like nothing he's not he's

19:36

unsettled until he can find a place for the Lord a habitation

19:42

for the Mighty God of Jacob and if you just hold our place here and first uh Chronicles 22 and verse 6. Solomon now

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is the one who actually builds this Tabernacle does this house build this Temple for the Lord and then he

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consecrates it and in first Chronicles 22 and verse 6 it says then he called for Solomon his

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son and charged him this is this is David speaking to Solomon and charged him to build a house for the Lord God of

20:11

Israel and David said to Solomon my son as for me it was in my mind to build a

20:18

house unto the name of the Lord my God but the word of the Lord came to me saying you have shed blood abundantly

20:25

and have made great Wars you shall not build a house unto my name because you

20:31

have shed much blood upon the Earth in my sight and then dropping down to verse 14 David says Now Behold in my trouble

20:39

this is how passionate David was about building this Tabernacle for God it was

20:45

it was unsettled until it could be done and then he wasn't able to do it but now in verse 14 he says Now Behold in my

20:52

trouble I have prepared for the house of the Lord a hundred thousand talents of

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gold and a thousand thousand talents of silver and of brass and iron without

21:04

weight for it is in abundance so he's put all the resources together

21:10

Timber also and stone have I prepared and thou mayest add there too so go

21:16

ahead and add whatever you want to add to this moreover there are workmen with you in abundance

21:22

hearers and workers of stone and Timber and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work of the gold the silver

21:29

and the brass and the iron there is no number a rise therefore and be doing

21:35

and the Lord be with you so this is this is the absolute commitment

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that David had that he he must have this house this Dwelling Place of God

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on Earth for Israel and so he was unable to do that but he prepared everything

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so that Solomon could do it and that's why I think this Psalm 132 is a Psalm from Solomon in Psalm 132 and

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verse 6 he says low we have heard of it at Ephrata we

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found it in the fields of the wood and so this Ephrata is a little bit uh

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unsure people say this is uh Bethlehem uh this is in first Samuel 17 and verse

22:19

12 the reference I found here uh now David was the son of that ephrathite of

22:25

Bethlehem Judah whose name was was Jesse so it could be referring to the place of Bethlehem or it could be referring to

22:32

David and the fact that he was of Ephrata whose name and he had eight sons

22:38

and that man went among men for an old man in the days of Saul so back to 132 uh verse 6 we we heard of it

22:45

uh this this building of the house of the Lord and we heard of it at Ephrata and we found it in the fields of the

22:52

wood perhaps speaking to the Ark of the Covenant verse 7 we will go into his

22:57

Tabernacles we will worship at his footstool arise O Lord into your rest

23:06

you and the Ark of your strength so that the house has been built and now this is

23:11

seen really as the footstool of God and it's been built for worship and and I believe it's Solomon the

23:19

psalmist is inviting the Lord into this into this Tabernacle let your priests be clothed with

23:26

righteousness and let your Saints shout for joy and to

23:31

me this is sort of the clue that this in fact is a Psalm of Solomon because in second chronicles 6 when he was

23:38

consecrating the temple uh you look at this prayer it begins in seconds Chronicles 6 and verse 13. he says for

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Solomon had made a Brazen scaffold of five cubits long and five cubits Broad and three cubits high and had set it in

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the midst of the course and upon it he stood and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel

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and spread forth his hands toward heaven so now he's going to begin his prayer and said O Lord God of Israel there is

24:08

no God like you in the Heaven Nor in the earth which keeps Covenant very

24:13

important God this God of Jacob Mighty God of Jacob Holy One of Israel keeps

24:19

Covenant despite the fact that they have broken the Covenant he keeps Covenant and shows Mercy unto your servants that's why they

24:26

should hope in him that walk before you with all their hearts so let me just read that properly that shows Mercy unto

24:32

your servants that walk before you with all their hearts and then it's a long prayer but now when we drop down to

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verse 42 O Lord God turn not away the face of

24:45

your anointed remember the mercies of David your servant so again that recollection recollection to David which

24:52

is how Psalm 132 began and then verse 10.

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oh sorry that's what I'm saying so in verse 42 he's remembering the mercies of David

25:03

and I'll come back to oh there was another there was another

25:09

um reference that I wanted to pick up it's in the second Chronicle six and it's where he actually says the very

25:15

same things that he that that are said here in Psalm 132 arise O Lord into your

25:22

rest you and the Ark of your strength let your priest be clothed with righteousness and let your Saints

25:28

instead of shout for Joy I think it says um and let your sin there's another word

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besides Joy but it's the same sense and so it's very to me that prayer where he says this exact same thing it's a good

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clue to me that Psalm 132 is a Psalm of Solomon and so back to Psalm 132 and

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verse 10 for your servant David's sake turn not away the face of your anointed

25:56

the Lord hath sworn in truth unto David he will not turn from it

26:01

of the fruit of your body will I set upon your throne and then here in

26:09

second Samuel 7. he says and when your days be fulfilled this is God speaking

26:15

to David and you shall sleep with your fathers I will set up your seed after you which shall proceed out of your

26:21

bowels and I will establish his kingdom ultimately this is pointing to Christ

26:27

and in revelation 22 and verse 16 Christ says I Jesus have set my angel to

26:34

testify unto you these things in the churches I am the root and The Offspring

26:40

of David and the bright and Morning Star so Christ is the ultimate offspring of

26:46

David he is the ultimate descendant that will rule forever and so this This

26:52

Promise This Covenant that God this davidic Covenant the Covenant that God has with David ultimately it's fulfilled

26:58

in Christ back to Psalm 132 verse 12 if your children will keep my Covenant and

27:05

my testimony that I shall teach them their children also sit upon shall also sit upon your throne

27:12

forevermore so this is ultimately what God wants is this Kingdom of priests for

27:18

the Lord has chosen Zion he has desired it for his habitation

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these Psalms are so important we're going to be facing in the future a lot of conflict with Islam as it spreads as

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the Communists give it air time and and give it space to spread and they believe

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that God has chosen Mecca and at the same time they believe in the Psalms

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so we should be able to show them in the Psalms that God has not chosen Mecca that God

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does not go back on his word that God is a god of Covenant and here in Psalm 132 verse 13 these are the sort of

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scriptures that should come to mind for the Lord has chosen Zion he has

28:02

desired Zion for his habitation this is where God chooses to dwell he says in

28:07

verse 14 this that is Zion that is Jerusalem God says this is my rest

28:13

forever these are the scriptures we need to be able to show our Muslim friends as they

28:21

seek to establish that God is a god of Mecca that God is the god of the Arabs that God used to be

28:28

the god of Moses but now he's the god of Muhammad but yes they believe in the Psalms well let's read the Psalms

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the Psalms are not just this little praise book that just makes you feel nice there's a lot of wisdom there's a lot of

28:41

Truth in the Psalms when Christ was on the earth he quoted the Psalms constantly Psalm 132 verse 14 this that is

28:49

Jerusalem is my rest forever Israel should hope in the Lord forever

28:55

he has not abandoned Israel here that is Jerusalem will I dwell God

29:01

plans to dwell in Jerusalem why he says for I have desired it

29:06

I will abundantly bless her provision I will satisfy her poor with bread yes

29:13

indeed he will someone Isaiah 61 verse 1.

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he says just as a thought Psalm 132 verse 16 I will also clothe her priests

29:27

with salvation and her Saints shall shout aloud for Joy so we just we

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have to understand God is a god of Covenant he spoke to Moses instead tell these people that they will be a kingdom of

29:40

priests and that's ultimately what this is all about that we the first fruits go straight to

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that sort of really higher level spiritual level of uh Kings and Priests

29:53

but on Earth there are going to be humans of the Covenant

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that will be Kings and Priests that will be a kingdom of priests and that will facilitate the worship for human beings

30:04

of the god of Israel and those priests God says I will clothe her priests with

30:09

salvation they're going to be heavily persecuted and then God himself is going to save them and establish them and he's

30:17

going to dwell in Jerusalem with them I will also clothe her priests with salvation and her Saints shall shout

30:24

aloud for Joy they're going to be overwhelmed with joy after all of the

30:30

persecution there will I make the Horn of David to God I have ordained a lamp

30:36

for my anointed his enemies will I clothed with shame

30:42

so he says he's chosen Zion he's chosen Jerusalem forever he's going to clothe

30:47

his people his priests his the Saints he's going to clothe those priests with with salvation and the enemies of Judah

30:56

all those Nations that were surrounding Judah to destroy Judah God himself says

31:01

his enemies I will clothe with shame so to our Muslim friends you you accept

31:07

the Psalms this is not just in one song this is throughout the Psalms

31:13

so let's study the Psalms let's let's sing the Psalms let's agree to the Psalms and then let's reconcile from the

31:19

Psalms let's go to the other scriptures within the Hebrew Bible

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within the apostolic writings within the apocalyptic writing of

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Revelation and let's see does it reconcile with Psalms and then let's go to the Quran

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and let's see how we can reconcile that with Psalms and and pretty soon we can see that yeah

31:39

there's a very clear narrative here that God never deviates from declaring the end from the beginning

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his enemies were like clothe the shame but upon himself shall his crown flourish

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Psalms 132 Psalms 133 is one we are very very familiar with uh the beautiful

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Psalms this is a Psalm of David a Psalm of ascent some song of degrees

32:04

and this one was written by David and it's beautiful we I think we're all very familiar with this one

32:11

behold look this system so they're making their way to Jerusalem remember these are Psalms

32:17

of ascent and David is observing and he wants to bring to our attention look

32:23

behold how good and how pleasant it is

32:29

for Brethren to dwell together in unity and this again is yes yes historically

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this is what they did and this is an observation that David made but this is all prophetic this this uh

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this Ascent to Jerusalem is really pointing ultimately to the the Fulfillment of this when Christ returns

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and it's just going to be beautiful all the saints the first fruits the fall

32:54

Harvest all the saints of God and all the Gentiles that have repented and been

33:00

grafted in all dwelling together and it's behold it's like look at this

33:06

how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to do all together in unity

33:12

what's it like he says it is like the precious ointment upon the head

33:18

that ran down upon the beard even Aaron's beard and went down into the

33:23

skirts you could say the collars of his garments it was just so plentyous it's it's a precious oil but this is

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such an important occasion that it's used in abundance and and this is what he says it's like

33:36

now we need to go to Exodus we could go to Leviticus and exes who will go to Exodus just to get a sense

33:43

of how precious this oil was in Exodus 30

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Exodus 30.

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and we'll just break in at verse 25. he says and you shall make it an oil of

34:01

holy holy ointment an ointment compound after the art of

34:06

the apothecary it shall be a holy anointing oil so

34:12

there's a specific way that had to make this holy anointing oil and then in

34:18

verse 30 of chapter 30 and you shall anoint Aaron and his sons

34:23

so they were set aside as this aaronic priesthood and you shall anoint Aaron's this

34:30

destruction to Moses and his sons and consecrate them set

34:36

them aside that they may Minister unto me

34:41

in the priest's office so when David now is looking at the unity

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of the of the saints of God all making their way to Jerusalem all dwelling together in unity and joy he says that

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that's like the precious oil that ran down Aaron's head even into his

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beard even into the it was so abundant and this Spirit of unity is so abundant

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and sets us aside it consecrates us we are separate

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clearly we are separate and apart from the enemies of Israel

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as we come together in unity Unity of purpose unity and understanding unity

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and worship Psalm 133 verse 3 he goes on to say so

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first he says it's like the precious oil that consecrated Aaron so it's now

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consecrating God's people and then he says as the Dew of Herman

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and as the Dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion for there the Lord commanded the

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blessing even life forevermore so uh we're we're not necessarily living in

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desert conditions but if we were we would know in the dry season

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everything dries up and without then the rains come and then everything comes back to life but in

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this dry period when everything's drying up that morning dew is precious that

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that's like the rain and that's where that moisture brings life even during

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the dry season and so this is when he's looking at God's people

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it's like this morning dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion

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and gave life to the mountains of Zion this is what this Unity of the Brethren

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is like and then he says you know what because there the Lord commanded the blessing

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even life forevermore and in the previous Psalm he said to Israel hope in the Lord

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from henceforth and forever this this this life that God commanded

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this is where he commanded it and this this is where salvation will emanate from ultimately for the whole world but

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it starts here and it starts with the unity of the saints of God

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the last Psalm in the psalm of ascent is the psalm 134 so pastor Murray was

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actually doing this count for us and he began this 15 days before Tabernacles

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and and just counted every day in slack I think many of you are on slack and you'll remember it's just every day the

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next Psalm the next song and then it was really fascinating and I'd never really seen this before when we came to Psalm

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134 it was the opening night the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles and so

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this these two songs 133 and 134 were really um just very

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stood out in a way that had Pastor Marie not done the count they wouldn't have stood out the way that they did

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Psalm 134 a Psalm of ascent behold

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bless you the Lord all you Servants of the Lord so they're all here now

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this is what stood out for me which by night stand in the house of the Lord

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so the first day begins in the evening there we were on opening night and and

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then uh pastor Murray really highlighted the importance of this song as we kick

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off the feast and then it's like yeah wow opening night and by night we stand in the house of

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the Lord and then he says lift up your hands in the sanctuary and bless the

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Lord and this is something that's not in our culture but it certainly is in the Hebrew culture we just read King Solomon

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when he prayed to God he lifted up his hands here in Psalm 134 it's a it's a command

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lift up your hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord

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and in Nehemiah 8 Nehemiah 8 and verse 6 during the the Revival period of

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Nehemiah and Ezra in Nehemiah 8 and verse 6 it says in Ezra bless the Lord

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the great God and all the people answered amen amen with lifting up their hands

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and they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground

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so throughout the Hebrew scriptures we see this raising of the hands in worship

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and again it's something that we're maybe uncomfortable with but if we do see Brethren lifting up their hands in

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worship who are we to criticize it's very very scriptural

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and then Psalm 134 uh concludes now the Lord that made Heaven and Earth

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bless you out of Zion so they have made their way to Zion and

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now they're here and there's this understanding this this is the focal point

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this is the spiritual headquarters of the Earth and now this blessing the Lord that made

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Heaven and Earth bless you out of Zion so those are the Psalms of ascent

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beautiful Psalms and and again I want to thank I'm going to bring Pastor Maria now I want to thank him for the work

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that he did leading up to the feast pastor Murray welcome thank you so much

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good evening how are you Adrian yeah really good really good to have you here I think your sound is going to be

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much better than it was although it did I did hear just a little bit of static but hopefully that's something that won't be with us long

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um how are you doing brother yeah folks I can maybe provide some

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feedback to see if the audio issues have been uh fixed a bit of static even on my

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end so so perhaps it's something else but uh yeah it is it is better than just

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a little bit yeah uh actually a better week than last week not as intense uh so

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so that is good um I just wanted to First maybe ask you any thoughts Reflections you certainly

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did a wonderful service for us uh I know at Pentecost you like to do the count the count to 50. that was really

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interesting and Innovative I think to do the the Psalms of ascent leading up to

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Tabernacles any any thoughts or comments as we close out the the Psalms of a sin

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yeah sure um I think you know you've described it over the studies uh to a

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perspective in addition to the micro perspective you know the micro perspective is looking back up

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uh how David saw things uh as uh as it was uh tradition for Israel in Jerusalem

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uh for the the fall holy days in the beginning with trumpets and conclude

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Tabernacles but then also understanding the Israel's place in the gospel and

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back in fulfilling Deuteronomy 30 as we've talked about many many many times you

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see here in the concluding four Psalms of ascent is really the conclusion from

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the micro perspective as Israel was approaching Jerusalem but the the

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ultimate as you talked about referencing Revelation uh Judah and Israel coming

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back together Kings and priestess as was promised and you can kind of see that throughout

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the Psalms of ascent the the go through to be driven towards repentance the long process that they

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had of real life the punishment they were getting was really for their own

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good uh coming into the day of like you saw the the discussion of about

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um in Psalm 129 about affliction out of that affliction

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being fully re repented coming together as one we now see the Simplicity arriving at

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the Feast of Tabernacles or we could look at it from a macro perspective

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finally arriving for the the culmination and the Fulfillment of Deuteronomy 30 and this

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sort of other and you can really see the playing out of you know you asked the question at the beginning of this study what does Judas

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you can kind of see that played out throughout the Psalms of the set yeah beautiful it's amazing there's so

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much depth to God's word and I think we just have to stick with it and work with it thanks for the reference uh pastor

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Murray that I I thought of that as I opened up the psalm uh first Samuel 17 28 and I'll just read it here uh this is

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eliab his eldest brother and eliab David's eldest brother heard when he spoken to the men and Eli's anger was

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kindled against David and he said why did you come down here and with whom

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have you left those few sheep in the wilderness I know your pride I know this is this is knowledge that I

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have I know your pride and the naughtiness or haughtiness or

44:04

willfulness of your heart I know you're arrogant and very willful I know this

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this is a fact for you have come down that you might see the battle and then David says what

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have I now done isn't there a cause can't you see the bigger picture but

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it's really fascinating to me how David then in his private prayer with God is

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saying God you know me I I've humbled myself I do not involve myself in in

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great things and yet Eliab is so confident he knows David's hard so so

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Brethren take heart you know if you're subject to accusations of of arrogance

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and haughtiness and willfulness uh God knows and and we should be very very

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careful to impute motives uh to claim that we have fact about what's going on in people's hearts

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um Christ warns us about that that type of judgment oh thanks for that reference

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yeah and then I see it's a it's another good thing so just let me just call that God selects who he wants to

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select for for positions in in his service and

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was the firstborn and was crushed over

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um um and that's that's something Ishmael was uh there's uh a lot of a lot of

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um Pride over for for the younger generation it's interesting and often you know when

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as as ministers you get to hear a lot of accusations uh you know against ourselves but Brethren against Brethren

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and for me whenever I hear an accusation I always think of projection first

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that often what people see in others is what's what's in themselves that's their

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reference point that's how to them this is how the brain works and so they project onto others the very thing

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that's going on in their own heart and maybe that was Elias case yeah yeah whatever whatever's going on

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that's what he was saying I see a brother Jeff Flanig says David was not allowed to build the temple due to shed

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blood yet wasn't he commanded to kill in battle was it the unrighteous killing of Uriah

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he was disciplined for in regards to building the Temple what a great question pastor Murray any thoughts on

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that one yeah I've been not thinking about it here the reference uh in addition Lorna

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asked sort of for clarification so if we go to First Chronicles 28 I can read the

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beginning in verse one David assembled all the princes of Israel the princes of

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the tribes it's in the captain To The King by course and a captains over the thousands and captains over the hundreds

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and the stewards over all this end up his sons with the officers and with the

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Mighty Men and with all the Valiant men to Jerusalem stood up upon his feet and said hear me my brethren and my people

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as for me I had in my heart for the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord and for the

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footstool of our God and he had made ready for the building he Thou shalt not

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build a house for my name because you have been a man of war and

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then he further on goes goes on to describe how he told David Solomon will

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be um Solomon your son he shall be build my

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house and my Courts for I have chosen him to be my son so just a couple of thoughts to get the discussion going is

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what I what I read here is it's it might be part of it

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but what uh God told David was he was a man of war comma and oh so so it could

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be uh in addition to being a man of war that there for the Uriah it doesn't

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clarify that but um be a man of war and and perhaps for

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his good name because everything is done to promote God God's um he wanted a man of peace

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to build his Temple perhaps that would be what that is and either David was a

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man of war or he he shed blood shed your right his blood or accommodationally

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perhaps also just to clarify that Solomon was his choice and that Saul

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Dave had many sons and there was a lot of conflict in David's family and and by choosing letting salsa a

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pretty um a pretty powerful statement by God that

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that the Covenant flows a couple of thoughts there I wonder what you think uh great great thoughts uh I love it uh

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the only other thing that I would add uh brother Jeff is that it wasn't David's right

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to build a house for God and and in the body we all have different functions

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so my function in the body maybe I want to do something else but that's not my

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function and so Israel needed a man of war Israel needed somebody who would

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push back the enemy and and finally do what God commanded Israel to do and clear the area but that doesn't give

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David the right therefore to also build the house of God and so I think I was maybe just to add that to what uh to

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what pastor Murray shared with us there great great question though

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uh I see still some glitches in in your microphone uh pastor Murray but uh at

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least it's it's improved uh

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uh I don't see any other questions at this point yeah that's it as well that I see here

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on this on these platforms very very good any other thoughts uh pastor Murray

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um not at this time you know just a couple of comments you know we did this last week we spoke a little bit about

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keeping watch I noticed uh today was uh decided to the

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one of the the one of the remaining nine seats has gone the house is now in in

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control of the Republican side so you know break yourselves for whatever I think I think uh in light of all of that

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when we come through the Psalms and especially these Psalms today about calm and not just we don't need to uh we

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don't need to uh be tossed to and fro caught up in the in

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the the conflict of what is going on in the political systems so I think you know

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these Psalms today are A fitting way to process what's going on in the political Spectrum yeah they're

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very good and I just uh president Trump has announced that he he is excuse me

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going for the presidency in 2024 in my humble opinion uh

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I don't think he'll be successful we'll wait and see I also don't think we deserve him

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and I also think that unless his his campaign is rooted in Repentance why should God bless us

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why should he restore us I think we we need to be punished we need to be punished for the pedophilia

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we need to be punished for the trafficking we need to be punished for the blasphemies

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so yes I personally you know 2016 to 2020 I I liked those years

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and I personally would have liked to see that extended and I would have liked to have a Ministry where we are ministering

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from a place of abundance and we can be effective and and really you know broadcast out there but I just don't see

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that's the way it's going to be it could be you know pastor Murray you raised the question well
God give us a bit more time God is very very merciful but I

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certainly think we don't deserve it so it's starting to agree with youth to

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that that's might be the case I mean it can go with your needs it to go but you

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know um for for America to get to the place

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that where the scriptures talk about you know how bad Israel is and you'll buy

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extensions through uh how evil it must get you know Perhaps Perhaps Perhaps the

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division in the political spectrum that at an end being the the source for this just huge Division
and

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it's really bringing out the bringing out the Marxist left and the end the year people on the other
side that you

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know uh this really could the way for America to continue that that quick

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slide to where uh the scriptures really tell us yeah and and things have to happen in

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the Middle East and and so we need we that we need there has to be

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um an isolated Judah in the Middle East with no help and the only help is ultimately they

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have they have to turn to Christ they have to accept Christ and turn to Christ so that these things
have to come to pass and it's interesting that uh uh

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prime minister Netanyahu is back in and he said hey he asserts in Israel

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yeah did you say he he you talked about how Israel needs to

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be isolated and uh to be you know the enemies the enemies of the region

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better perhaps than someone as as device

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yeah good point good point very very good well why don't we leave it there and uh Deacon Jan
is speaking on Sabbath

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so God willing Brethren you'll be able to join us um customer maybe we should mention now
we'll mention on Sabbath as well we are

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planning to change the time so we've decided that right so we didn't

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actually actually we didn't decide that but uh okay I think I think I think uh

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Liberty would be I think where we were was it 12 30 we were planning on it yeah one hour earlier okay

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so we didn't really we didn't really decide but you know um yeah World War so so just a heads up

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Brethren we're working on it we have some uh older Brethren who don't want to be driving in the nights as the sun sets

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earlier and they love to participate in our discussions after services so we're thinking we'll move our services up an

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hour so that they're able to still participate in our discussions afterward and still get home before it gets dark

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so we haven't fully decided yet but we're just heads up we're working on that but we really truly appreciate you

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joining us uh every week Faithfully uh we appreciate the encouragement and the support and we look forward Brethren God

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willing to seeing you on Sabbath God be with you God bless you uh Jesus Christ

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is God and King amen thanks pastor Murray thank you as well