

CP – 6/9/24

Psalm 121 and 122

Psalm 121 focuses on the journey to Jerusalem to worship.

1. We seek out and recognize God's help. (121:1–2)

*Our help comes from the Lord.

*He is the one who created heaven and earth; He has authority over all!

2. We see God's attentiveness amid our limitations. (121:3–4)

*He is our firm foundation. He will not let us slip because He holds onto us.

*God does not sleep or slumber; His eyes are always on us, watching and keeping us.

3. We see God's protection and preservation. (121:5–8)

*God may not take us out of difficulties, but He protects us during them, to change us!

*God protected these pilgrims as they traveled to Jerusalem.

*God keeps us from evil.

***We can imagine these songs being arranged like steps on a staircase. Each step builds on the next, with the last step being a culmination or capstone to the rest.

Psalm 122 focuses on the city of Jerusalem (Jerusalem means “fortress” or “habitation of peace”); The worshippers have arrived in the city!

1. Joy and Security in the Lord's Presence (122:1–2)

*The joy of God's presence

*The joy of God's presence with God's people

*The security that God's presence affords

2. Unity and Diversity in the Lord's Presence (122:3–4)

***Ex. 26:11 - “single whole”; same word used here**

*Unity in God's presence - we are not clones; unity in diversity; they were all united in going up to worship the Lord.

*Diversity - “the tribes” - points to Rev 7:9–14

*OUR RESPONSE?: THANKFULNESS! “to give thanks to the name of the LORD”

3. Justice from the Lord's Presence and Prayer for Continued Peace (122:5–9)

*God's presence shouts that He reigns - He is on the throne. He delivers perfect justice!

*Because God is on His throne, we pray for peace to continue here!

May His kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven!