



REFLECTIONS  
ON THE  
ASCENDING PSALMS

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## Reflections on Psalm 120

### ASCENDING THE STAIRS

(A cry for strength on the journey)

*As I walk through life's dark valley, on earth down here below  
I long for Your mighty presence, and the light from Heaven's warm glow*

*When I'm feeling overwhelmed and anxious, firmly trapped by my untamed fears  
As I take each labored step cautiously, through the deep, dark valley of tears*

*I pray for the courage and conviction, my troubled soul often seems to lack  
As life's dark and ominous shadows, move closer to my tingling back*

*May You open my heart that I learn to show grace  
Removing all desire for revenge, leaving not even a trace*

*Teach me Your righteousness and truth, providing a brand new start  
Soothing my wounds from the enemy's arrows, healing a broken and bleeding heart*

*Reward me with enlightenment, as I arise and face each day  
Remembering You are my Shepherd, and will always know the way*

*You lead me beside Your cool and refreshing streams  
Providing my soul rest and solace, filled with heavenly, peaceful dreams*

*Knowing You will use Your rod and Your staff to gently guide my bruised and battered feet  
And will steady each strained step I take, over the rugged barriers I meet*

*When I thirst and am hungry, my table by You is spread  
And with Your kind and delicate hands, You gently and tenderly anoint my head*

*Oh, Great Jehovah, as I make my ascent toward You  
May Your breath supply the strength, until my journey is through*

*Jerusalem! Oh, Jerusalem! Holy city of truth and grace  
May Your presence be my main stay, while ascending the stairs I face*



## **REFLECTIONS ON PSALM 120**



### **Psalm 23: 1-3**

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside still waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.**

## Reflections on Psalm 121

### STAIR WAY TO HEAVEN

(The Lord is my great protector)

*I gaze up the stairway to Heaven, so steep and treacherous the climb  
Narrow stairs! Wobbly stairs! Stairs worn slick with time!*

*A sea of anxiety ridden faces, suffering hearts filled with pain  
Dark clouds of despair enveloping, and overshadowing my gain*

*Who will provide courage to reach the top?  
Whose shelter and protection will never stop?*

*The Lord is my shelter from the storms of life  
His protection ever present, no matter the strife*

*His yoke is easy! His yoke is light!  
Your protector He will be, both day and night!*

*Put your head on your pillow and rest this long night  
For darkness to Him is always bright light*

*Step forward dear child and do not hide  
For the Lord is a shelter right by your side*



## **REFLECTIONS ON PSALM 121**



### **Matthew 11: 28-30**

**Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.**



## Reflections on Psalm 122

### **GOD'S HOLY JERUSALEM** *(Praise to God for the New Jerusalem)*

*Jerusalem! Oh, Jerusalem! Holy City of light!  
Where God sits on His throne, with Jesus at His right*

*With throngs of angels and the whisper of wings  
Joined with the saints in one voice that rings*

*Praises to the Father! Praises to the Son!  
Eternal life for the saints has just begun*

*No mind can conceive the riches to behold  
In God's Holy Jerusalem, ready to unfold*

*No more suffering. No more pain  
Oh what a victory the pilgrims will gain*

*This earthly oasis, a city I love  
Just a stop on my journey to heaven above*

*A home for kindred spirits, wearing hearts filled with love  
Together on a pilgrimage to the Great Jerusalem above*

*On the stairway to heaven, there's room for all  
So let us join hands and answer His call*

*Let us reach out to the great, the meek, and the small  
Knowing our great Protector will not let us fall*

*Trusting the Lord our great Shepherd to show us the way  
As we sow seeds of kindness to other pilgrims today*

*Jerusalem! Oh Jerusalem! With labored steps we trod!  
Toward Heavenly Mt. Zion---City of the living God*



## REFLECTIONS ON PSALM 122



**Hebrews 12: 1**

**Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.**

**Hebrews 10: 23**

**Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.**



## Reflections on Psalm 123

### EYES FOR THE FATHER

(A poem that is a reminder to keep your eyes on God)

*Sound the trumpet! Strum the harp! Strike the gong!  
Let everything with breath sing praises to God in song*

*For our Father's enthroned in heaven, with dominion over all  
And in His infinite wisdom made all creatures great and small*

*He stoops down to wipe His children's tears and heal their broken hearts  
Wounded by scorn from the arrogant, while suffering their contemptuous darts*

*Our Protector's always watching throughout day and evening, too  
With such powerful and limitless love, He only has eyes for you*

*So raise your eyes toward God the Father, fixing them clearly on Jesus, His Son  
For there are miles and miles for the pilgrims to go, before the journey's done*

*The earthly harvest is plentiful, with many souls to be won  
Mountains to climb and streams to cross before the setting sun*

*Sound the trumpet and play the flute, with ascending songs of praise  
As a tribute to our Father, let our joyful voices raise*

*Hallelujah to God the Father! Hallelujah to Jesus, the son!  
The celebration in God's heavenly Jerusalem has, but just begun*



## REFLECTIONS ON PSALM 123



### **1 Peter 3: 12**

**For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.**

### **Psalms 25: 15**

**My eyes are ever on the Lord for only He will release my feet from the snare.**

## **Reflections on Psalm 124**

### **APPLE OF GOD'S EYE**

*(Praise to God for rescue in time of trouble)*

*Praise to my deliverer, God the Father and Jesus, His Son  
Without whose presence in time of trouble, not a battle would be won*

*Engulfed in life's dangerous, dark and shore less sea  
Angry waters were calmed while he set my spirit free*

*When the powers of darkness taunted and slashed my troubled soul  
With a mighty shout of love and light, He rescued and made me whole*

*The reflection in the water showed a child wounded and worn  
Yet He beheld me as His rose, and not an ugly thorn*

*When everything is against me, without a place to hide  
Our dear and loving Savior never leaves my side*

*So unfurl your sails dear child and head into the wind  
Knowing God is always at your side, your deliverer, savior and friend*

*Making sure all things work together, and the outcome for your good  
With plans to always prosper you, just as a loving Father should*

*We have crowns to cast, character to build, and compassion to share  
Giving testimonies to others while showing how much we care*

*Whoever harms God's precious child, makes his raging anger fly  
For you are, and always will be dear one, the APPLE OF HIS EYE*



## REFLECTIONS ON PSALM 124



Luke 8: 25

**He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters;  
the storm subsided, and all was calm.**

Psalm 17: 8

**Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow  
of your wings.**

## Reflections on Psalm 125

### GOD IS MY REFUGE

(A poem of trust and faith)

*My Father's eyes saw me, in the special, secret place  
Before I ever took a step, in the earthly, human race*

*All the days of my life in this world, recorded in His book  
Long before my earthly parents, ever took a look*

*Plans to prosper me, because of wisdom and great care  
With the gift of His unending love, and abundant grace to share*

*Including a map for the journey, and blessings to unfold  
And brilliant, dazzling rainbows, waiting to behold*

*My spirit soars and my joyful heart sings  
Knowing He will always be, the wind beneath my wings*

*Overconfident in God's great favor, I soared carelessly into the air  
Enjoying all God's blessings without thought, or even a care.*

*When storm clouds thickened, as black as ink  
The once possessed confidence, began rapidly to shrink*

*As brilliance and glitter faded, from the new freedom found  
His child's fear filled soul plummeted, to the dark, craggy ground*

*A lonely, broken spirit, clouded with sin and doubt  
Cried out to the Father, with a terrified shout*

*When peace, sudden and soft, caused my aching heart to sing  
I knew I had found refuge, under the feathers of His wing*

*God hems me in, from the front and from behind  
No greater Protector, will His child ever find*

*He who dwells in the shelter, of God the Most High  
Will never feel alone, or be afraid to die*

*For God will stoop down, in all His great love  
And carry me safely home, to Heaven above*



## **REFLECTIONS ON PSALM 125**



### **Psalm 9: 4**

**He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge, his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.**



## Reflections on Psalm 126

### **PROMISE OF THE HARVEST**

(God speaks to us through His word)

*Jerusalem! Oh, Jerusalem! Beautiful garden of God's love  
Bursting with flowering fragrance, in His holy city above*

*Where lush velvet petals, sway in Heaven's gentle breeze  
As perfect dew kissed leaves dance gracefully on His trees*

*God planted an earthly garden, using wisdom and great care  
Sowing thousands of magical seeds for us to nourish and share*

*This earthly garden planted, was a mirror of His own  
Designing every brilliant, colorful flower right from His throne*

*Each care perfected seed arrived whole, and ready to grow  
Requiring a patient labor of love only His children could show*

*Displaying no respect, His children took for granted  
The beautiful, heavenly garden their Father had planted*

*The once fertile soil became hardened with strife  
Cracked, packed and dry from the sorrows of life*

*They failed to spade deeply in the Holy Word of God  
Allowing seeds of hate to grow, where flowers of love once trod*

*The fresh perfect flowers were weak, faded and pale  
Thirsty for God's word, wilted, needy and frail*

*Wake up dear children and feel God's dew on your face  
It's time to fill the earth with the joyful sounds of grace*

*Miracles happen all the time in God's garden of life  
If His pilgrims toil and labor, overcoming sin and strife*

*Let your healing garden swell, with the seeds of God's love  
Planting deep healthy roots, for His promised harvest above*

*Jerusalem! Oh, Jerusalem! Beautiful garden up above  
Filled with eternal, fragrant flowers and God's abundant love*



## REFLECTIONS ON PSALM 126



### **1 Peter 1: 23-25**

**For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living word of God. For all men are like grass and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever.**

## Reflections on Psalm 127

### LORD OF MY HOME

(Praise to the Shepherd of my earthly home)

*Because the Lord is my Shepherd, I have everything I need  
A home in His sweet meadow, and an earthly life to lead*

*He lets me rest in velvet grass, beside His quiet streams  
And sleep under His galactic sky, finding rest and peaceful dreams*

*His gentle breeze blows across my face and tenderly kisses my brow  
My Father knows everything I'll ever need, and provides it all somehow*

*My ears hear the gentle whisper of His delicate butterfly wings  
As I listen and am thrilled, by His graceful bird that sings*

*The moisture of His rain brings a pleasing scent to my nose  
And draws my spirit ever close to the fragrance of His rose*

*Hearing the gurgle of family laughter, happily filling the crisp, clean air  
Makes me realize how much my Heavenly Father does really, truly care*

*I kneel at my make shift altar, a rotting stump by His mighty tree  
And humbly thank Him for bestowing, such blessings of love on me*

*No matter how close, or far away, in my journey I may roam  
There will be no greater earthly treasure than this place I call home*

*Unless the Lord builds my home, all my labor is in vain  
For He alone is my shelter from life's stormy clouds and rain*

*He shields me all day long, and throughout the evening, too  
As I rest between His shoulders, until my journey is through*

*Jerusalem! Oh, Jerusalem! Wonderful dwelling place of God's love  
Because of the cross, my eternal home waits, in His heavenly city above*



## **REFLECTIONS ON PSALM 127**



### **Psalm 127: 1**

**Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.**

### **Matthew 7: 24**

**Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.**



## Reflections on Psalm 128

### **ENJOYING THE BLESSINGS OF GOD**

**(Encouragement to be fruitful and multiply)**

*God's blessings fall like delicate snowflakes, fluttering down from heaven above  
Each marked with His divine fingerprint, unmatched by its beauty and love*

*Every downy flake overflowing, with enough provision for each day  
Filled with more light, courage, and wisdom than words can ever say*

*So don't store your blessings in a jar, dear child, afraid they'll melt away  
For sharing your love with others is His commandment for all to obey*

*Tomorrow will bring enough blessings, for you to share with all  
For there is an endless supply of joy and love to meet your Master's call*

*So lift up your voice in the morning. Shout for a joy all through the night  
For God's soft and gentle blessings, filled with His pure and holy light*

*God has not promised a life without problems, free of storm clouds, wind, or rain  
But tells us He'll always be there through our grief, heartache, and pain*

*Praises to God the Father and to Jesus His Holy Anointed Son  
Who chose to dwell among us before our hearts were ever won*

*Eternal blessings from the Father Almighty, our God, The Great I Am!  
Assurance of our resurrection, blessings through Christ the Lamb!*

*May your heart be filled with respect and reverence, for Jesus the risen King  
Bowing humbly at the throne of God, as His heavenly angels sing*

*Jerusalem! Oh, Jerusalem! Rich in blessings from God above  
Unmatched by His grace and peace. Abounding in joy and love!*



## REFLECTIONS ON PSALM 128



**Ezekiel 34: 26**

**I will bless them and the places surrounding my hill. I will send down showers of blessings.**

## Reflections on Psalm 129

### PROTECTION FROM OPPRESSION

(A plea for help in time of trouble)

*Who is my helper during the valley of this life?  
Where is the refuge from the oppressor's sharp knife?*

*How do I heal a broken and weary soul  
With no will left, nor a safe place to go?*

*When will the twinkle of joy return to my eyes  
With a spirit so high, it takes wings and flies?*

*God is my ever-present help in time of grave danger  
The Anointed One, My Messiah, humbly born in a manger*

*I'll go down on my knees with my humble face toward God  
Letting Him heal my broken heart where the oppressors have trod.*

*He will sow a seed of love into my bruised and battered heart  
And heal the open wounds from the enemy's poisonous dart*

*In time, His tiny seed will become a strong and mighty tree  
Whose branches shade the weary, suffering souls like me*

*Underneath its branches will sprout God's brand new seeds  
Leafing into His forest, free of the oppressors' weeds*

*God the Sovereign Lord, the ultimate source of life  
Will heal broken hearts during difficult times of strife*

*I'll leave all vindication to Him, and show His loving grace  
Teaching and winning souls throughout the human race*

*God will make straight His righteous way to me  
Offering protection, security, and open eyes to see*

*The oppressor of God's children will never prevail  
For He is Omnipotent, ever present, and will not fail*

*Jerusalem! Oh, Jerusalem! Free of oppression, heartache and sin  
God's city filled with saints, angels, and my loving next of kin*



## **REFLECTIONS ON PSALM 129**



### **Psalm 9: 9**

**The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.**

### **Psalm 62: 8**

**Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is your refuge.**



## Reflections on Psalm 130

### REDEMPTION AND HOPE

(A cry for mercy and assurance)

*Oh gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in love  
You monitor my thoughts and feelings from heaven above*

*You have searched me and know me, understanding my mind  
As I make mistakes on my walk with mankind*

*You've been caring for your children since the dawn of time  
And know every deep valley and mountain I climb*

*You provide strength and blessings, like manna from above  
Beckoning me to have faith in your unfailing love*

*Your love abounds to the thousands, forgiving all my sin  
Because of your unrelenting desire, for my soul to win*

*Were my sins recorded, one thing I do know  
There would be no place to hide or anywhere to go*

*Alone without distractions in the numbing darkness of night  
Self-reliance and confidence disintegrate and take flight*

*Oh dark night of my soul, feeling empty and alone  
Speechless and lost, from the fruitless seeds I have sown*

*Will you show compassion, Lord, to your child this dark night  
Turning my guilt and fear into forgiveness and delight?*

*Yes, You give me this day, dear Father, my daily bread  
Offering compassion and assurance, I have nothing to dread*

*For your plans are to prosper and not to harm  
Repent, little child, stay calm without alarm*

*Humbly bowing at the cross sincere in heart  
Will give you new hope and a brand new start*

*Nothing in the world gets in the way of God's zeal  
When He sets the course for a child wearing His seal*



*So stand on tiptoe, and lift your head up high  
To receive God's rays of forgiveness from the eastern sky*

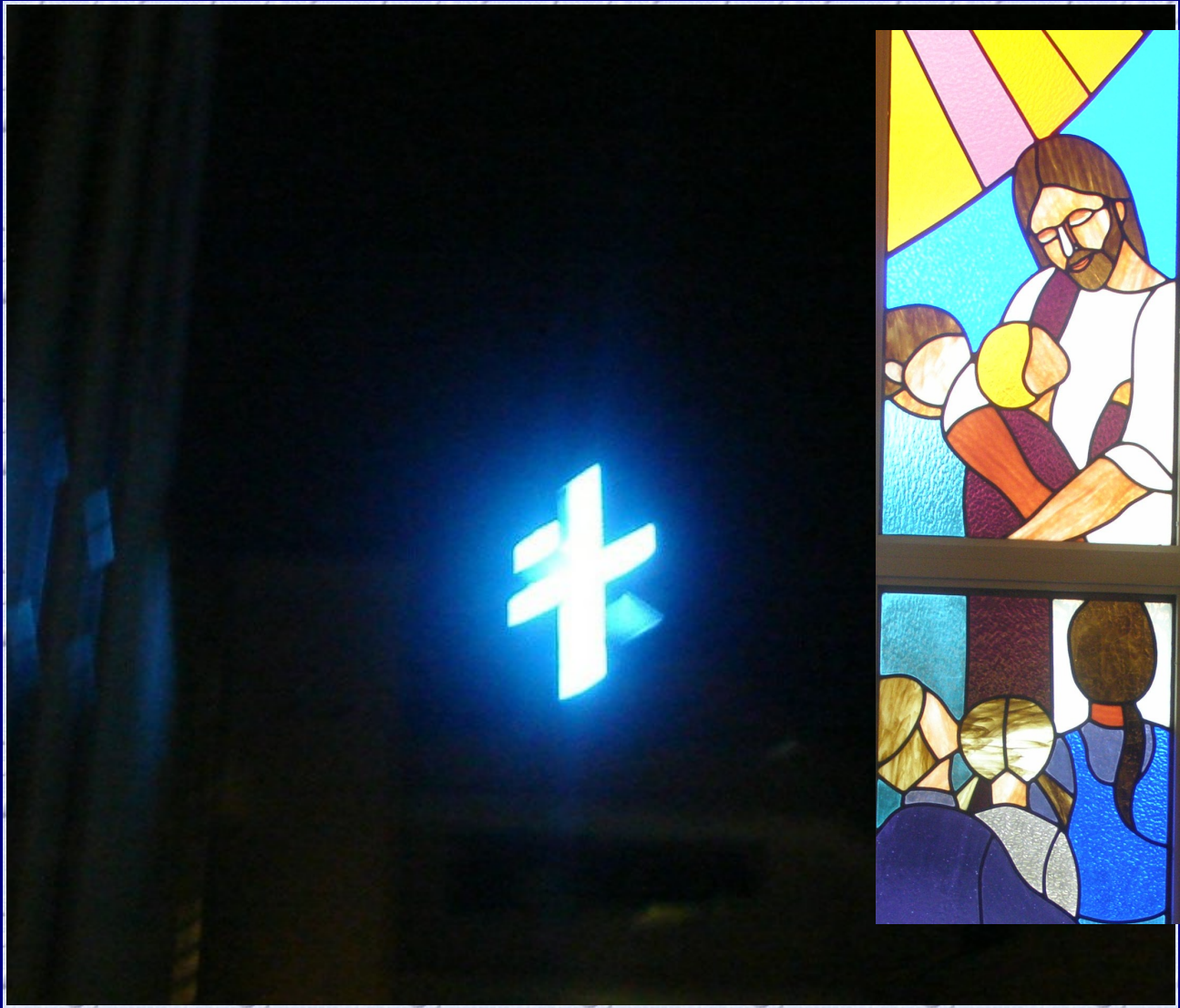
*For your transgressions and sins were nailed to the cross  
Because of Jesus, your gift of victory, totally free from loss*

*At the cross the curtain was torn, and our eternal life won  
So lift up your praises to God through Jesus His Son*

*Jerusalem! Oh, Jerusalem! Love filled city of living grace  
Providing our daily bread at the right time and place*



## REFLECTIONS ON PSALM 130



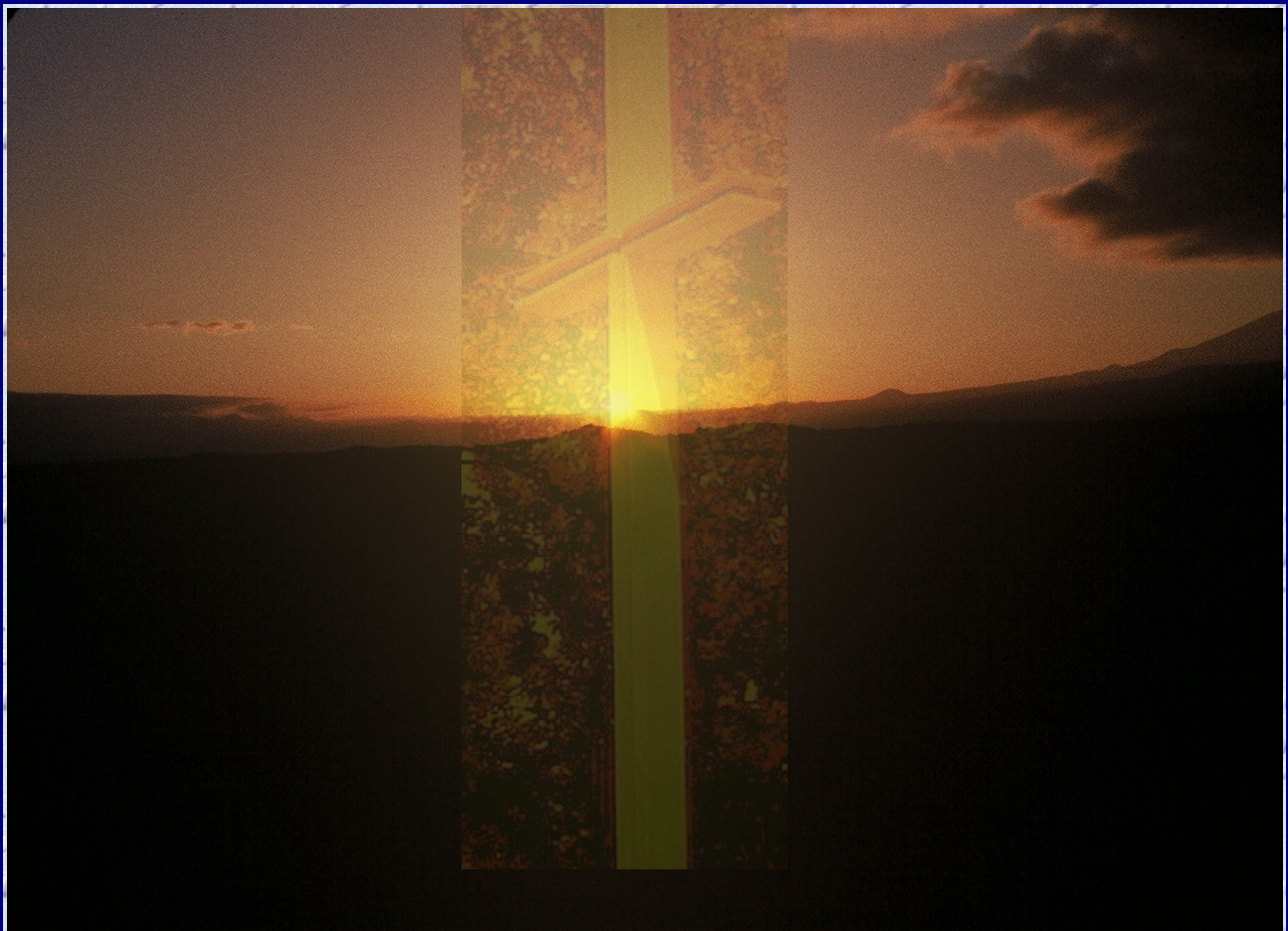
### **2 Corinthians 5: 21**

**God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

### **Hebrews 10: 22**

**Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.**





## **Hebrews 6: 19-20**

**Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie.**

**We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.**

## Reflections on Psalm 131

### A PSALM OF HUMILITY

(A prayer for child like faith in God)

*You are the potter and I am the clay  
Eagerly awaiting Your gentle hands today*

*Mold me and make me, after your will  
Humble and thirsting, peaceful and still*

*Help me always to feel the touch of Your hand  
Being open and anxious to obey Your command*

*Give me ears to hear Your still small voice  
Making the will of the Father, my passion and choice*

*Open my eyes to see Your vision for my life  
Full of insight and focus, free of oppression and strife*

*Instill in my heart, rich compassion and abundant grace  
As I share my blessings in Your chosen time and place*

*Let my lips sing Your praises, day in and day out  
Proclaiming Your victory with a triumphant shout*

*Make my spirit free, and soaring to Your upward call  
Accepting the fact I will not understand everything at all*

*Engrave on my mind, You know my words before spoken  
Trusting Your love for me will never be broken*

*Give me courage and faith to finish the race  
Knowing I will soon be meeting you, face to face*

*Jerusalem! Oh, Jerusalem! Home of the Potter above  
City of Mt. Zion, complete with gentle hands and eternal love*



## REFLECTIONS ON PSALM 131

### *CHILD LIKE FAITH IN JESUS*



#### *Matthew 18: 2-5*

*He called a little child and had him stand among them. And He said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me."*

## Reflections on Psalm 132

### **WALK WITH ME LORD!**

( A prayer requesting God's nearness)

*There is a little altar, deep within my heart  
Reserved just for you Lord, separate, and set apart*

*To walk each day with you, dear God, is my desire and humble plea  
For directing my steps through Your word, and drawing me closer to thee*

*Help me remember that You are in charge of every day  
Showing me each step of my journey, and making straight the way*

*Help me overcome darkness as I walk in Your favor and light  
Knowing the plan for my life, is never far away, and always in Your sight*

*Fill my mind with ever present, loving and grateful thoughts of You  
With assurance Your plan to prosper me, will surely, always come true*

*Teach me to trust Your will and control in everything I meet  
And know, You will turn the hard to easy, and bitter things to sweet*

*Help me hear the music of life playing joyfully in my head  
And dance with You the song of victory down every path I tread*

*Let me sit at Your table, where the word of God is spread  
With the knowledge, it is through Your love, that I am forever fed*

*Remind me to daily lift up my voice in grateful prayer to You  
Until Your mission is accomplished, and my journey on earth is through*

*Help me always to realize that sacred idleness is not loss  
Instead, that simply being still, is sitting at the foot of the cross*

*Jerusalem! Oh, Jerusalem! City of salvation, light and love  
Because of the cross, my final destination is with ,You, in heaven above*



## REFLECTIONS ON PSALM 132



**1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18**

**Be joyful always, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ.**

## Reflections on Psalm 133

### ONE WITH THE FATHER

(Beckoning all believers to show unity in Christ)

*Our resurrected Jesus, the truth, life, and our only way  
To come to the Father, and with Him to forever stay*

*Jesus prayed to the Father that we might believe and be one  
Just as He is one in the Father, and the Father is one in the Son*

*One God! One Savior! All believers in unified voice  
Proclaiming the love of the Father, as a free gift and personal choice*

*Let young and old remember, we are all favorite children of God  
Unified in grace, rich or poor, no matter what paths we trod*

*We must stand shoulder to shoulder, unified in Christ's love  
Tightly knitted as one family, one body with Jesus above*

*Let us imprint in our minds, no matter our church, or color of skin  
We are all children of God's holy family, brothers, sisters, and next of kin*

*So raise your joyful voices, harmonizing in a unified, beautiful song  
Praising and encouraging God's precious children, all the day long*

*Stand up! Stand up! Ye unified soldiers of the cross!  
And eat at God's table, tasting His manna, flavored with all gain and no loss*

*Because He lives, we can face the remainder of our tomorrows  
Because He lives, together, we can overcome all our life filled sorrows*

*Jerusalem! Oh, Jerusalem! City of God the Father and Christ the Son  
His bride will be raised in one unified body, and eternal life will be won*



## REFLECTIONS ON PSALM 133

### *ONE WITH THE FATHER*



#### **John 17: 23**

**I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and love them even as you have loved me.**

#### **Romans 15: 5-6**

**May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Reflections on Psalm 134

### **CREATED TO PRAISE GOD**

(A shower of blessings to and from God)

*When the morning stars sang together, God was designer of it all  
Giving the breath of life to everything, all creatures great and small*

*His own special people, called out of darkness into light  
A chosen generation, royal priesthood, and holy nation of delight*

*I was fearfully and wonderfully made, dear Lord, by You and You alone  
Created to sing Your praises, while sitting at the foot of the throne*

*I'll lift up my eyes toward heaven, and worship Your beauty and grace  
As I proclaim Your message of love, throughout the human race*

*My prayer is for songs of hope and relief, to sing in the darkness of night  
Causing peace in my deep valley, that turns blackness into light*

*Surround me with feelings of Your safety, serenity, security and love  
Knowing You are my night watchman, on duty in heaven above*

*May crystal clear chords of music float up to Mt. Zion above  
Carrying messages of praise and blessings, filled with my gratitude, joy and love*

*Help me spend a life long journey, getting to know Your ways more clearly  
And with each labored step taken, learning to cherish my Savior more dearly*

*When I stand at the gates of Your Holy Jerusalem, with eyes fixed clearly on Your son  
I know I'll be changed, from mortal to immortal, before the Feast has begun*

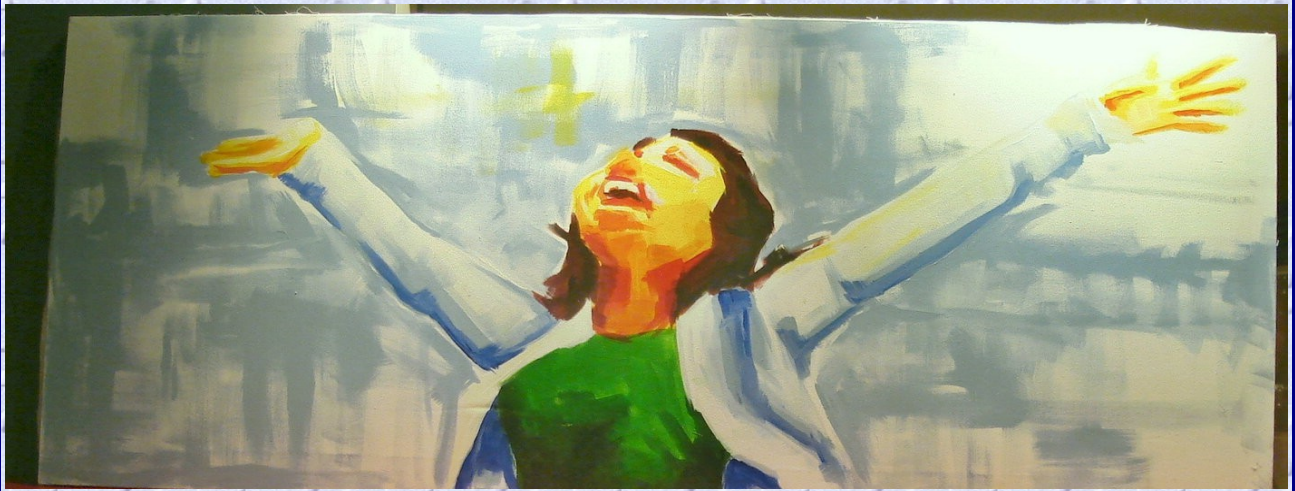
*As the angels break into chorus, Jerusalem's gates will open wide  
To announce the unified body of believers, with God will forever abide*

*Jerusalem! Oh, Jerusalem! I lift up my hands in praise to heaven above  
You are the hope of life eternal, my God, I cherish and love*



## **REFLECTIONS ON PSALM 134**

### **CREATED TO PRAISE GOD!**



#### **Psalm 63: 4**

**I will praise You as long as I live, and in Your name I will lift up my hands.**

#### **Psalm 139: 14**

**I will praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are your works; and my soul knows right well.**

## Reflections On God's Love

**Oh! Sweet Jesus!**

(The ultimate sacrifice and gift of eternal life)

*A robe dipped in blood was Your garment of choice  
With, "Father forgive them," the sound from Your voice*

*A loss of dignity laced with great pain  
Your life giving blood all for my gain*

*Your garments divided equally among the four  
Saving the seamless one that was valued much more*

*Only Your provision can satisfy my soul  
Absolutely free, there is no toll*

*A bridegroom adorned with Your great love  
Waiting to be claimed in heaven above*

*Oh, Sweet Jesus, do let me say  
I am but one last breath away*

*From seeing Your heavenly, radiant face  
And feeling the warmth of Your embrace*



## REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S LOVE



**Luke 22: 42-44**

**Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but Yours be done.**

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**Poem 130: Cross at night on top of St. John's Hospital, Springfield, MO. Stained Glass overlay of Jesus embracing His children from the Christian Church in Mt. Grove, Missouri.**

**Poem 131: 100 year old oil painting located at St. Paul Methodist Church on Walnut St. in Springfield, Missouri. (Called: Suffer The Little Children)**

**Poem 132: Praying Man painting by permission of First & Calvary Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Missouri. Artist: Clark.**

**Poem 133: 100 year old oil painting located at St. Paul Methodist Church on Walnut St. in Springfield, Missouri. (Mural Called: The Last Supper)**

**Poem 134: Female Praising God by permission of First & Calvary Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Missouri. Artist: Clark.**

**Oh Sweet Jesus Poem: Stained Glass window in sanctuary of First & Calvary Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Missouri.**

**Last Picture: Stained Glass picture of Birth of Jesus located at College of the Ozarks Student Ministry Building.**





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