

# The Psalms of Ascents

Week 8 – Friday

Psa. 132:13-18

After God's dwelling place was established, the ark rested in the temple and the kingdom of David was also established. The result is the blessings that God gives man. Psalm 132, verses 13 to 18 say, "For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His dwelling place: 'This is My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her poor with bread. I will also clothe her priests with salvation, And her saints shall shout aloud for joy. There I will make the horn of David grow; I will prepare a lamp for My Anointed. His enemies I will clothe with shame, But upon Himself His crown shall flourish.'" This is the conclusion of this section. It is filled with God's provisions, God's blessings.

Verse 13 says, "For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His dwelling place." Zion is where God wields power, and God has chosen Zion as His dwelling place, according to His desire. God said, "This is My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it" (v. 14). How joyful! Who is living in the church today? The Lord. Who is in power? The Lord. Who is reality? The Lord. Who is powerful? The Lord. In the church life, we cannot see anything else, but Christ and always Christ. This is a beautiful picture with the church built up with Christ in its midst. The kingdom of Christ is established and He is ruling. We see nothing else but Christ and always Christ.

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