

# The Psalms of Ascents

Week 8 – Saturday

Matt. 16:18

In Psalm 132 David cared for building God's dwelling place so that the ark would have a resting place. God also built up the kingdom for David, built his kingship. Here God's dwelling place was built and His kingdom was established. The result is that all the blessings were produced. The rich provision satisfied the poor with bread. We need to be filled with the heavenly food in the church life so that when the saints come they will be satisfied. This is a normal church life. We come together for the church life; we desire local churches around here with rich provision in every place. When people come, they will be served with the heavenly provision. Then the priests will be clothed with righteousness. To be clothed with righteousness is to live out righteousness so that salvation is being expressed through us. This means that there is a group of brothers and sisters who are priests, a priesthood of all those who serve the Lord who are clothed with salvation, who live out salvation. When the brothers and sisters come they will be rejoicing. Then the horn of David, that is, the victory of Christ, will be expressed in the church life. God will also prepare a lamp, will express Himself, through the church to illuminate and enlighten all. The enemy will be put to shame. This is what God is doing today.

From the time God created man in Genesis, God has desired that man overcome the enemy to recover the Earth from the hand of the enemy. Here in the blessing of God He says that the enemy will be put to shame. The Lord's crown will flourish, His kingship will shine brightly, will radiate brilliantly over the entire Earth. This will be fully fulfilled when the Lord comes again. We can have a foretaste of this blessing in the church life today. Then when the Lord comes again, this will be our full enjoyment.

May the Lord be gracious to us. If we have such a desire for the building up of God's dwelling place, for the building up of the church, the church will become God's kingdom on Earth so that God can reign and rule here. Then God will pour out His blessings in the church with a rich provision so that the poor will be satisfied. The priests will be clothed with salvation and the people will shout for joy. The horn of David will grow, the lamp of the anointed will shine forth, and the enemy will be clothed with shame. In the builded church, the enemy will be put to shame. This is what the Lord meant when He said that the gates of Hades will not prevail against the builded church (Matt. 16:18). When church is being built, the enemy will be put to shame. Praise the Lord! May all the local churches be built up in each locality so that all those who come will be satisfied, touch the Lord's ruling, shout for joy, and Christ's kingship will shine brilliantly on Earth. We can have a foretaste of such a beautiful picture today in the church life. Then when the Lord comes we will be able to enter into the full enjoyment. May the Lord give us this blessing!