

The Psalms of Ascents

Week 8 – Thursday

Psa. 132:9-12

Psalm 132, verse 9 says, “Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, And let Your saints shout for joy.” When God has His dwelling place and the church is built up, the priests and serving ones in the church can be clothed with salvation and serve God in the right position. When they serve the saints, they do not play politics, neither do they sacrifice the saints for their own benefit, nor do they compromise with the course of this world. They insist on doing everything for the benefit of the church and the saints. At that time, the saints will shout aloud for joy. Under the nourishing of these serving ones, the saints become those who are full of enjoyment and shout aloud for joy.

When the church life can produce such a beautiful situation: priests clothed with righteousness and people shouting for joy, then the church is being built up. You can also say that the church being built together will produce such a beautiful picture, but this is not the end of the psalm. God also made a covenant with David to establish his kingdom forever. Verses 10 to 12 say, “For Your servant David’s sake, Do not turn away the face of Your Anointed. The Lord has sworn in truth to David; He will not turn from it: ‘I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body. If your sons will keep My covenant And My testimony which I shall teach them, Their sons also shall sit upon your throne forevermore.’” In this portion the psalmist cares for God’s dwelling place, so God also promised him that God would establish his throne to eternity. This is God’s response to David’s swearing to build up God’s dwelling place. David was for God and took God’s interest as the most important thing; so in return, God is for David to give him the kingdom and authority forever. Because David was concerned with God’s dwelling place and His testimony before His people, God made a covenant that his throne would be established forever. This was God’s response to David. David took God’s interests to heart for God’s sake; he gave supreme importance to God’s interests. In turn, God did something for David’s sake; He gave him the kingdom and authority forever.

At the end, Christ, the descendant of David, will come and sit on the throne (Psa. 132:11), and the kingdom on the earth shall be the kingdom of the Lord, and He shall reign for ever and ever (Rev. 11:15). Also, many of the servants of the Lord fight for the rights and the interests of God and for all the saints in the church. The result of this battle is to raise up overcomers. The overcomers will sit on the throne with the Lord when He comes back again, and partake of His reign and authority: “Their sons also shall sit upon your throne forevermore” (v. 12; Rev. 3:24). Here the promise is that David’s seed will sit on the throne forever. The promise in this verse here is not just for David, but also for his descendants. In the end it will be fulfilled in Christ and in all the overcomers who are in Christ. In the coming kingdom they will reign with Christ (Rev. 20:6). This is God’s promise to the overcomers. Eventually, all those who are saved and redeemed will have authority and will sit on Christ’s throne forever (Rev. 5:9-10; 22:5). What a grace! What a mercy!