

Why We Need God's House

Psalm 132

July 19, 2020

Background: The Lost Ark of the Covenant in Kiriath-jearim (1 Samuel 4-6)

I. The Request of the Psalmist (V. 1-10)

- A. Loving God's house is an _____ of our love for God.
- B. The fields of Jaar = Kiriath-jearim
- C. The danger of neglecting God's house.

II. The Response from God (V. 11-18)

- A. Loving God's house helps us enjoy God's _____.
 - 1. The significance of the title "Son of David" (1 Kings 9:11-13, 2 Kings 8:16-19, Isaiah 37:33-35).
- B. Loving God's house helps us enjoy God's _____.
- C. Loving God's house leads to _____ (Isaiah 61:10-11).

Group Discussion

1. What are your initial takeaways from reading Psalm 132?
2. Is it possible for a Christian to keep God at a distance even though they still pray, go to church, and know the Bible? How?
3. Describe David's devotion to God's house in verse 3-5. How can we be devoted to God's house like David was even though we don't have a tabernacle or an ark?
4. The reason King David had to find the ark he describes in verse 6-8 is because Israel had left it in a field (the fields of Jaar = Kiriath-jearim) for 60 years. Go back and read 1 Samuel 6. What was the reason the people of Beth-Shemesh decided to put the ark away in Kiriath-jearim (1 Samuel 6:19-20).
5. Because David prioritized God's house, God promised David very unique blessings that would be passed down to all his descendants (Psalm 132:11-18). Describe these blessings.
6. What are some God-given blessings today that can only be enjoyed by Christians prioritizing worshiping in a local church?
7. How can you hope in God as you go about having gospel connections, conversations, and conversions?

Recommended Reading for Further Study:

Read 1 Samuel 4-6, 2 Samuel 6-7

Church Bible Reading Plan

This Week: Read Psalm 145-150

The Next Two Months: Memorize 139:7-12