

PRAYING PSALM 132

“I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, until I find a place for the Lord...” (Psalm 132:4-5).

This is a royal psalm. It involves a request and a response. David wants his resting place to be in God’s dwelling place. 1. THE REQUEST THAT THE LORD REMEMBER DAVID’S ZEAL IN BRINGING THE ARK TO JERUSALEM AND BLESS HIS DYNASTY (1-10). David found the Ark of the Covenant in a field and desired to build a tabernacle for it in Jerusalem. David wanted the worship of God to be accessible among God’s kingdom people. David sought God’s Anointed (Messiah) through the Ark of the Covenant (10). 2. THE RESPONSE OF THE LORD PROMISING FULFILLMENT TO FULFILL THE DAVIDIC COVENANT (11-18). God promised that David’s throne would last forever as long as his descendants kept God’s covenant. The Lord chose Jerusalem as the place to fulfill His covenant. The future blessing on Jerusalem is a promise connected to God’s covenant with David. The Messiah will reign from Jerusalem (17). Jesus will rule, while His enemies are shamed.

When you pray for Jerusalem, you are trusting God to fulfill His everlasting covenant with David. In a sense, you are asking God’s dwelling place to be your resting place. When you pray for the coming of Christ’s kingdom, you pray for peace in Jerusalem, and vice versa. When you pray for Christ’s return, you are praying for the worship of God to flow from His chosen city to the nations of the world. This will happen in the future reign of Christ. God will answer your prayer, but not until He returns. You who pray for Jerusalem are a part of Christ’s peace for Jerusalem. Pray for Jerusalem when you witness the genocidal lust of those who want to destroy the state of Israel. When you pray for Jerusalem you affirm God’s covenant with His chosen people.