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Ps 122:1 ¶ <<A Song of degrees of David.>> I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.

Isa 2:2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. Isa 46:9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

1. Glad to go to the house of the Lord.
   1. The house of the Lord desired - preferred
2. “Glad when they said unto me, Let us go."
   1. Distance may be great, the weather, rough, still, "Let us go."
3. He was glad to say it to others, "Let us go, "and to persuade others to accompany him.

Ac 15:36 And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.

1. David's delight.
2. The object or reason of it.

In the object there are circumstances enough to raise his joy to the highest note.

“We will go” not a lie, but a resolution.

1. *Their agreement* and joint consent:
   1. "We, "as a circle, that takes in all within its compass.
   2. "We will serve the Lord; "
   3. "We" is a bond of peace, keeps us in unity, and making many as one.
      1. We will go Psa.122;2; Jam.4:13
      2. We will run
      3. we will walk in his paths Isa. 2:3; Mic 4:2,5
      4. we will not boast of things 2Co 10:13,15

Like men going out of a dungeon into the light, long absent from what they loved, and were now approaching unto it, We cannot be there soon enough.

*The place where they will serve God*: not one of their own choosing; not the groves, or hills, or high places; no oratory which pride, or malice, or faction has erected; but a place appointed and set apart by God himself. *We* will serve the Lord in his own house."

**Verse 1.** *Let us go into the house of the Lord.* *"Let us go, "* the soul winner standing on a street corner before a multitude, advising, admonishing, warning and pleading, saying, "Go, or you will not escape perdition; ""Why don't you go?" or "Let us go together"? You can *bring* multitudes whom you never can send. Many who would never come alone would come most willingly under the shadow of your company bearing daily a good testimony.

"let us go together into the house of the Lord, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." A mutual exhortation for members, visitors, non visitors invite each other: "Let us go into the house of the Lord." It is not enough to say, Go you to church, and I shall stop at home. That will never do. We must invite by example as well as by words. Let *us* speak as Moses did to Hobab, his brother-in-law, "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good; for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel."

1. Joy in vision of true worship.
   1. Because of the instruction we receive.
   2. Because of the exercises in which we engage. Streetmeetings, Fellowship, Conventions, missions, campus, Tent meetings
   3. Because of the society in which we mingle.
   4. Because of the sacred interests we promote.

5. Joy in the invitation to true worship.

a. Shows others are interested in the service of God. b. Shows interest in each other. c. Furthers the interests of Zion.

Gladness of God's house. Are you "glad when, " Why glad?

1. The house of the Lord is open for us to go.  
2. To take an interest in one and say, "Let us go, "   
3. That I am able to go to God's house.  
4. That I am willing to go.

1. *The* True worshipper, who is glad to be invite(d) to God's earthly house. It is his home, his school, his hospital, his bank.Laying up treasure-storehouse

2. *The* True Christian*, God's spiritual house.* builded together, a settled rest.

3. The True Saint*, God's* *heavenly house.* Simeon—Stephen—Peter—Paul.

1. The duty of attending the services of God's house.  
2. The duty of exciting one another to go.  
3. The benefit of being excited*.*

2 Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

The gates are opened that we may go in. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion, and so do we A citizen of the New Jerusalem! Why are *we* so greatly favoured? Many feet are running the downward road, still kicking against the pricks, held by snares, sliding to an awful fall; but our feet, through grace, are "standing"—an honourable posture, "within thy gates, O Jerusalem"—an honourable position, and there shall they stand for ever—an honourable future.

Ps 122:3 Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together:

David saw in vision the city built; no more a waste, or a mere collection of tents, or a city upon paper, commenced but not completed. God's mercy to the Israelitish nation allowed of peace and plenty, sufficient for the uprise and perfecting of its capital: that City flourished in happy times, even as the church is only built up when all the people of God are prospering. Thanks be to God, Jerusalem is builded: the Lord by his glorious appearing has built up Zion. No more, a set of booths, a conglomeration of lean-tos, but as a city, substantial, architectural, designed, arranged, and defended. The church is a permanent and important institution, founded on a rock, builded with art, and arranged with wisdom. The city of God had this peculiarity about it, that it was not a long, straggling street, or a city of long distances. There was no flaw in this diamond of the world, this pearl of cities.

In the great body of the church one of the most blessed conditions is the compactness of unity: "one Lord, one faith, one baptism." A church should be one in creed and one in heart, one in testimony and one in service, one in goal and one in sympathy. They greatly injure who would build dividing walls within her; we need compacting, not dividing.

There is no joy in going up to a church which is rent with dissension: the gladness of holy men is aroused by the adhesiveness of love, the unity of life; it would be sadness if the church be divided against itself. Some bodies of Christians appear to be periodically blown to fragments, and no gracious man is glad to be in the way when the explosions take place:

1. A type of the New Jerusalem. We were as Old Jerusalem chosen by God, founded upon a rock, taken from an enemy. 2. A type of its prosperity: "Builded as a city. 3. A type of its perfection: "Compact together. The unity of the church. 1. Implied in all covenant dealings.  
2. Suggested by all Scriptural metaphors.  
3. Prayed for by our Lord.  
4. Promoted by the gifts of the Spirit.  
5. To be maintained by us all.

United church,growing church. Jerusalem was compactly built; every piece of ground, every foot of frontage, was valuable; house was joined to house;

Ver. 3. Compact together. Philadelphia, the name of one of the seven churches(Re 1:11-12), is a very proper fitting name for a church, which signifies brotherly love; and every congregation ought to be in a good sense a family of love.

Breaches and divisions, distractions and heart burnings, may happen in other kingdoms which are without God in the world and strangers to the covenant of grace; yet let Jerusalem, the Church of God, be always like a city which is at unity within itself.

Ps 122:3 Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together:

A stately capital, throned on a base of rock, narrow streets and noble edifices, beautiful, added splendour from the taste of style and color and everything is arranged . Picture Perfect what God expects of us.

The scoffing unbeliever and grieving Christian with a divided and distracted, jarring and warring heart.

The church compared to a city in respect of magnitude, is one in which everyone builds according to the approved plan.

According to God’s Perfect Judgment

He knew that it would do them good; nothing better can happen to men and their friends than to love the place where God's honour dwelleth.

1Ch 16:27 Glory and honour are in his presence; strength and gladness are in his place.

2Ch 1:11 And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king:12 Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.

Ps 21:5 His glory is great in thy salvation: honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him. 26:8 LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth 29:2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. 96:6 Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. 104:1 Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.

Ps 145:5 I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works. 149:9 To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

Pr 15:33 ¶ The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.

18:12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility. 20:3 It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling. 21:21 He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour. 22:4 By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life. 26:8 As he that bindeth a stone in a sling, so is he that giveth honour to a fool. 31:25 Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

1Th 4:4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; 5:17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. 1Ti 6:16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen. 2Ti 2:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. 21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

Various people which should support each other are intensely kept apart, They suggest the idea of detached and isolated forts, rather than a compact and united capital ; they hold jealously, bitterness, unforgiveness ignorance, lack of respect save when mutual hatred and heart burnings bring them together for conflict.

Instead of praying for and seeking the peace of Jerusalem, the proud, foolish builders rejoice in exhibiting, propagating, and fomenting strife!

With all our divisions the Christian Jerusalem is compact in itself together, What occupies the hearts and tongues of the worshippers that assemble themselves weekly in the sanctuaries of our beloved land, but the one glorious gospel of **the grace of God**.

**Ps 122:4** Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.

1. The duty of public worship.

a) In one place: "*Whither* the tribes go up."  
b) In one company, though of many tribes: "Whither the *tribes* go up."

2. The design.

a) For instruction: "Unto the testimony of Israel."  
b) For praise: "To give thanks unto the name of the Lord."

The tribes do not go up, for strife and contention are not attractive forces.

# The Church is like Many tribes One Nation; many waves, but one sea; many branches, one tree; many members, but one body. Every soldier of the Christian army may be all and equally the Lord's, chosen, redeemed, accepted, and upheld by Jehovah. Unto the testimony of Israel. They went up to the holy city to hear and to bear testimony. Everything in the temple was a testimony unto the Lord, The annual journeys; testifed character, Israel's confession that Jehovah is their God, and that he is the one only living and true God. When we assemble a large part of our business is giving out and receiving testimony: we are God's witnesses; all the tribes of the one church of Jesus Christ bear witness unto the Lord.

Psalm 122:5 For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David. To a true saint the throne is peaceful and merciful; righteous men love judgment, and are glad, right will be rewarded and iniquity will be punished. Happy people are under glorious rule.

1. There are thrones of judgment in the sanctuary. Men are judged there. a By the law. b By their own conscience c By the gospel. faithful ministers 2. There are thrones of grace: "Of the house of David." a) Of David's Son in the hearts of his people.  
b) Of his people in David's Son.

Ps 122:6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace is its name, pray its condition may verify its title. Abode of Peace, peace be to thee. The most sufficient reason for rejoicing at the thought of going up to the house of the Lord, Israel pray that peace be continued. In a church peace is to be desired, expected, promoted, and enjoyed.

If we will not say "Peace at any price, "we will certainly cry "Peace at the highest price." Glad of an invitation to join with others in the Lord's service. He goes with them and rejoices, on bended knee we pray that you may have peace and joy.

*Pray for the peace of* *Jerusalem.* *Peace* denominates *Jerusalem,* it means *the vision of peace*. *Pray for the peace of* *Salem."* For so it was called too, (Ps 76:2) "At Salem is his tabernacle." That word merely sounds peace: God would have his Church the house of peace; His temple David might not build because he was a man of war; but Solomon his son, who had his name of peace, must build it. Christ,

have *peace*:—peace with God; peace in conscience; peace in the prospect of death and of the future world; peace amidst the storms and tempests of life; peace in death, in the grave, and for ever.

*They shall prosper that love thee.*. A man must first love that he would be, before he can be that which he loveth. Its a good sign when a man affects what he expects, and doth favour that which he would more fully favour. He that loveth Sion shall prosper: he that loveth virtue shall increase and prosper in it. The day of small things shall not be despised (Zec 4:10), neither shall the smoking flax be quenched (Mt 12:20); but the smoke shall bring forth fire, and fire shall break forth into a flame.

**Verse 6.** They shall prosper that love thee. peace" and "prosperity" rest in "the City of Peace."

In a church one of the main ingredients of success is internal peace:

strife, suspicion, party spirit, division,—these are deadly things. Those who break the peace of the church deserve to suffer, and those who sustain it win a great blessing. Peace in the church should be our daily prayer, and in so praying we shall bring down peace upon ourselves; for the Psalmist goes on to say, "May they have peace that love thee."

the house of Obededom is blessed because of the ark of the Lord. Because the Egyptian midwives feared the Lord, therefore the Lord made them houses. No man shall ever be a permanent loser by the house of the Lord:

1. The prayer,

a) "For Jerusalem": not for ourselves merely, or for the world; but for the church. For the babes in grace; for the young men, and for the fathers. For the pastors, with the deacons and elders.

b) For the "peace" of Jerusalem. Inward peace and outward peace.

2. The promise.

a) To whom given: "They that love thee."

b) The promise itself: "They shall prosper"—individually and collectively.

1. Love to Jerusalem is the effect of true piety.  
2. Prayer for Jerusalem is the effect of that love.  
3. The peace of Jerusalem is the effect of that prayer; and,  
4. The prosperity of Jerusalem is the effect of that peace.

God has connected giving and receiving, scattering and increasing, sowing and reaping, praying and security - Resting (prospering)

Ps 122:7 Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

The church personified “thy”, he speaks to it: his heart is with Zion, and therefore his conversation runs in that direction. Three walls,a trinity of security. Prosperity within thy palaces, or "Rest within thy palaces." Peace *be within thy walls.* The Church is a war town, and a walled town, which is situated among enemies,

Ps 122:8 For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.

It is to the advantage of all Israel that there should be peace in Jerusalem. It is for the good of every Christian, yea, of every man, that there should be peace and prosperity in the church.

Two great principles are here laid down why we should pray for the church,

1. Love to the brethren: "For my brethren and companions' sakes."

2. Love to God: "Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good

Ps 122:9 Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek thy good.

He prays for Jerusalem because of Zion. How the church salts and savours all around it. The presence of Jehovah, our God, sanctifies to us every place where he reveals his glory. Well may we seek good within these walls, live for God's cause, and to be ready to die for it. First we love it (Ps 122:6) and then we labour for it: we see its good, and then seek its good. If we can do nothing else we can intercede for it. Our covenant relation to Jehovah as our God binds us to pray for his people,—they are "the house of the Lord our God." If we honour our God we desire the prosperity of the church which he has chosen for his indwelling.

*I will seek thy good.* It is not a cold wish; it is not a careless, loose seeking after it,

1. The joy with which they were to go up to Jerusalem: Ps 122:1-2.

2. The great esteem they were to have of Jerusalem: Ps 122:3-5.

3. The great concern they were to have for Jerusalem, and the prayers they were to put up for its welfare.

*I will seek thy good.*

1. By prayer for the church.  
2. By service in the church.  
3. By bringing others to attend.  
4. By keeping the peace.  
5. By living so as to commend religion.

Christ was crucified on the rock

Ps 22:14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.

signs etched in the rock

It makes a difference what you eat spiritually and physically

It makes a difference How you eat spiritually and physically

Mr 4:24 And he said unto them, Take heed **what** ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.

Lu 8:18 Take heed therefore **how** ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

courage and liberty to invite others

## Prayer is the foundation for Peace

1Sa 13:14 But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.

Ac 13:22 And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.

Eph 4:2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

1-2 The Heart for God

WE will go Dedication and determination

David rejoiced at the opportunity to be in the presence of God

3-5 The Heart for Praise in a central place Jerusalem

6-9 The heart for Prayer

Jerusalem means foundation for Peace ; This foundation is Prayer

Pray for each other and the ministry in other churches.

Joh 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

2Ti 2:22 ¶ Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.