

Psalm Chapter 134 - Review

In Psalm 134 we learned that the subject/title of this song was “***Deliverance, Blessing, and Peace, in Zion***”. Yet, because the *last three* “Song of Degrees” all had a common ‘theme’ (subject) pertaining to the ‘house of the Lord’, this song also spoke of the *blessings* FROM the ‘house’ (Temple) of the Lord (YHVH). And that’s why Hezekiah began the song by calling the Lord’s servants (the priesthood) to ‘bless’ *Him* at all times, even *at night* (and in adversity), when they were on ‘guard duty’. And, while the priests had many duties (such as performing blood sacrifices, making sure the light of the ‘fire of the altar’ *never* went out, and the candlesticks were *always* lit), Hezekiah specifically references those who were to stand guard (as watchmen) for the Temple, because it’s *symbolic* for how the priesthood was also to ‘stand guard’ (as a *spiritual* watchman) for *the truth* - and make sure it was *never* ‘snuffed out’! So, the priest’s duty to guard the Temple (even at night), and to keep the ‘light’ (or ‘fire’) burning ‘continually’, was *very* important. And that’s *because* it symbolized how the truth (God’s Word, John 17:17) is to be *continually* ‘lit’ in the hearts, and minds, of God’s children via the *teaching them God’s Word*.

And this is *why* God (YHVH) sent Jesus Christ (our High Priest, Heb 8-10) into the world (John 18:37) to shine the ‘light’ of *truth* to the world (John 1:4, 8:12, etc.). However, because Jesus Christ is now in heaven (Rom 8:26-34), He has commissioned *us* (who follow Him) to keep the ‘light’ (of truth) ‘burning’ (Mth 28:18-20; Acts 26:18, etc.). Therefore, teaching *the truth* is one of the ways we ‘bless’ the Lord (YHVH) today. However, we do not have to be a ‘Pastor’ (priest, minister, etc.) to keep the *spiritual* ‘light’ (truth) ‘burning’. As Jesus so well explained, “***Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven***” (Matt 5:14-16). So, through our good words and works (in obedience to God) we shine His ‘light’ (the truth) to the world. And, every time you plant a ‘seed’ of truth to someone (no matter *how small*) you *also* keep the ‘light’ burning! And this indeed is a blessing to God (YHVH) because, His *deep* desire is to save as many of His children (as possible) from Satan’s lies and deception, which is *what* causes *spiritual* death (2 Pt 3:9). After all, hearing the truth (the light) is the *only* way people will ever have the opportunity to turn back to the truth (God’s Word) that brings salvation to our very soul (Acts 13:47; John 3:19-21; 1 Peter 2:9; 2 Peter 1:19).

And then we learned how Hezekiah prayed that the Lord (YHVH) – who is the Creator of all things – to ‘bless’ His servants (the priests) ‘out of Zion’. So, Hezekiah was simply asking that, a blessing upon the priesthood, would come FROM the house (Temple) of the Lord (YHVH), where God ‘dwelt’ (via the Ark of the Covenant) at that time. Yet, this is also *prophetical* for how the Lord (YHVH) *will* bless (in the future) His faithful servants (who *didn’t* worship false gods) when Jesus Christ returns to govern the world (at His Second Advent). As we’ve learned in past

studies of the Psalms, Zion is where God has chosen to rule from *forever* (Ps 87:2-3, 132:13; Zech 1:16-17, 2:10-13 8:2-3; Ezek 16:60-62), which is why Jesus Christ will *return to* Jerusalem, at His Second Advent (Ps 2:6, 135:21, 146:10; Isa 2:2-4, 24:23, 28:16, 59:20; Joel 2:32, 3:16-21; Mic 4:7; Zech 1:16-17, 2:10-13, Zech 8:2-3). And His faithful servants (of *all* races, who are the priesthood of today) *will be gathered to Him* in Jerusalem (Ps 147:2, 14:7, 69:35-36, 102:16-22; Isa 30:19, 35:10, 51:11; Jer 3:14-15; Zeph 3:14-20; Heb 12:22-23; Rev 20:4-6). And, it is then they'll receive *a huge blessing* FROM the 'house of the Lord'. For they will not only be given *eternal* life but also, be allowed to rule *with* Jesus Christ (from Jerusalem) *forevermore* (Rev 20:4-6, etc.)!

Therefore, all *true* blessings come only FROM the 'house' of the Lord (YHVH) *because* that's where He will dwell (in Jerusalem) *forever*. And thus, all true blessings truly come *from* the Lord (YHVH) *Himself*! Jesus gave a beautiful summary of this in the 'beatitudes' of Matt 5:3-12. And, Rev 20:6 also tells us that, "***Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.*** Therefore, this precious song truly *looks forward* to the return of Jesus Christ - when He'll depose the wicked ones from power and, install His *righteous* government (the Body of Christ) who will rule, *with Him, forever* *because* He's given them *eternal* life...

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Titus 2:11-14

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Rev 22:14

AMEN.