

Prayers of Worship Praying the Psalms – Part 6

Life Church St. Louis – July 12, 2020

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1. Trust God's _____

Psalm 121:1-2 (ESV) I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:3 (ESV) He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

Psalm 121:5-6 (ESV) The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

Psalm 121:7-8 (ESV) The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

2. _____ in God's presence

Psalm 122:1 (ESV) I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

Psalm 122:3 (ESV) Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together,

Psalm 122:6-7 (ESV) Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you! Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!"

Psalm 122:8-9 (ESV) For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!" For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

3. _____ in the Lord

Psalm 130:1-2 (ESV) Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

Psalm 130:3-4 (ESV) If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Psalm 130:5-6 (ESV) I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

Psalm 130:7-8 (ESV) O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (Read Psalms 121,122,130).
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun
- Invite a friend to attend the service next week.
- How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

Prayers of Worship Study Guide

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Intro. How has the book of Psalms been helpful in your life?

Intro. How do you prepare for worship with your church family before coming to church?

Intro. Why do you think God placed the 15 Psalms of Ascent as preparation for worship in the Bible?

1A. Why is it important to acknowledge that our help comes only from the Lord (Psalm 121:1-2)?

1B. When are we in danger of our foot slipping (Psalm 121:3)?

1C. In what ways does Psalm 121:5-8 tell us that the Lord is our keeper?

1D. How does knowing that the Lord is keeping us safe help us prepare for worship?

1E. How can fear, worry and anxiety take us away from worshiping God?

2A. Why should we be glad when we prepare to come to church (the house of the Lord) to worship (Psalm 122:1)?

2B. Why is it important to pray for the peace of the church (Psalm 122:6-7)?

2C. What is the literal city of Jerusalem in the Old Testament symbolic of in the New Testament era (Hebrews 12:22)?

2D. How can having God's peace affect the way that we worship?

2E. Why should we pray for peace in our country (1 Timothy 2:1-4)?

3A. How is confession of our sins an essential aspect of preparation for worship (Psalm 130:1-4)?

3B. What is the impact on our worship when we have sin in our hearts (Psalm 66:18)?

3C. What does it mean to wait on the Lord (Psalm 130:5-6)?

3D. How can waiting on the Lord bring hope into our worship (Psalm 130:7-8)?