

A Study of the Wisdom Literature (OT Survey Lesson 267—Psalms 129-132)

Introduction: These psalms also belong to the collection called the “psalms of ascent”. In these psalms we see hopeful prospects for those who worship the true God at Zion.

Lesson aim: To show how in worship we seek the blessings of our covenant with God.

A psalm concerning persecution from Israel’s enemies—Psalm 129:1-8

1. How often had the psalmist been persecuted? (v. 1) Yet, had the enemy prevailed? (v. 2)
2. How did the psalmist describe His persecutions? (v. 3) Who intervened and delivered him? (v. 4)
3. Who does the psalmist pray will be put to shame? (v. 5) To what does he pray the enemy will be like? (v. 6-7) What will no one say to him? (v. 8)

A psalm of hope in God’s forgiveness—Psalm 130:1-8

1. How did the psalmist describe his plea to God? (v. 1-2) How did he feel about his own iniquities? (v. 3)
2. The psalmist put his hope in what? (v. 4) Consequently, what did he do? (v. 5)
3. How did the psalmist describe his “waiting”? (v. 6)
4. What then is the psalmist’s message to the people? (v. 7) Why?
5. What did the psalmist affirm that God would do? (v. 8)

A psalm of childlike trust in God—Psalm 131:1-3

1. How did the psalmist describe himself? (v. 1) What do you think he means by these things?

2. To what did the psalmist liken himself? (v. 2) What inner disposition did he have?
3. What does the psalmist urge Israel to do? (v. 3)

A psalm celebrating the journey of the ark to Zion—Psalm 132:1-18

1. What does the psalmist urge God to remember? (v. 1) What oath or promise did David make? (v. 2-5)
2. *Verse 6 seems to be a reference to the ark of the covenant.* What does the psalmist say about “it”? (v. 6)
3. What do the people propose to do? (v. 7) What do they urge God to do? (v. 8) How were those who accompanied the ark to conduct themselves? (v. 9)
4. What does the psalmist ask God to do “for David’s sake”? (v. 10) What promise had God made to David? (v. 11-12)
5. What mountain did God declare to be His place of dwelling? (v. 13) What promises did he make concerning her? (v. 15) Her priests? (v. 16)
6. What did God promise to do for the horn of David? (v. 17) His anointed? How will the crown of God’s anointed appear?