

Psalm 132 (ESV)

- ¹ Remember, O Lord, in David's favor,
all the hardships he endured,
² how he swore to the Lord
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,
³ "I will not enter my house
or get into my bed,
⁴ I will not give sleep to my eyes
or slumber to my eyelids,
⁵ until I find a place for the Lord,
a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."
⁶ Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah;
we found it in the fields of Jaar.
⁷ "Let us go to his dwelling place;
let us worship at his footstool!"
⁸ Arise, O Lord, and go to your resting place,
you and the ark of your might.
⁹ Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,
and let your saints shout for joy.
¹⁰ For the sake of your servant David,
do not turn away the face of your anointed one.
¹¹ The Lord swore to David a sure oath
from which he will not turn back:
"One of the sons of your body[a]
I will set on your throne.
¹² If your sons keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them,
their sons also forever
shall sit on your throne."
¹³ For the Lord has chosen Zion;
he has desired it for his dwelling place:
¹⁴ "This is my resting place forever;
here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
¹⁵ I will abundantly bless her provisions;
I will satisfy her poor with bread.
¹⁶ Her priests I will clothe with salvation,
and her saints will shout for joy.
¹⁷ There I will make a horn to sprout for David;
I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.
¹⁸ His enemies I will clothe with shame,
but on him his crown will shine."

Obedience
Psalm 132

Week 13

Songs of Ascent

This Week's Verses

Psalm 130:4
1 Samuel 4:1-11
1 Samuel 6:2-3

Psalm 119:45
James 1:25
Romans 8:1-2
Luke 22:20

Daily Reading

Psalm 132

Psalm 132 is meant to be a reminder of how our obedience comes about: it comes from God first being faithful to us. We obey, live by the Holy Spirit's guiding, because we understand how great, worthy and good God is. We are told in the scriptures that Jesus came to fulfill the law, everything we couldn't measure up to, He lived the perfect life of obedience for us. He wants to return us to who we were meant to be, image bearers of God! This is why the scriptures are big on obedience. Obedience to God increases the freedom that matters most to human beings, and we obey God because God alone in all the universe is worth obeying.

Read the Psalm each day as you answer the daily questions.

Day 1 Reflect: Take some time to reflect on the promises of God...how has He been faithful?

Pray: Praise God for His unending love and faithfulness, that He is truly trustworthy.

Day 2 Reflect: Why does God care so much about dwelling with His people?

Pray: Ask God for a deep sense of His presence. Thank Him for His nearness and care for you.

Day 3 Reflect: What physical reminders do you have of God's presence? What habits/practices can help you focus on who Jesus is?

Pray: Ask God to transform your daily habits so that your life is oriented around Him—even in the mundane.

Day 4 Reflect: God worked through a long line of imperfect people until Jesus was born. How can you be encouraged by God's sovereignty in the midst of uncertainty and brokenness?

Pray: Ask God to deepen your trust in His plan and remind you of His constant work to redeem and make all things new.

Day 5 Reflect: What does it mean that Jesus is God's anointed one, forever enthroned?

Pray: Take some time to praise Jesus as King and Lord over all, that nothing can remove Him from His throne.

Community Discussion

As you gather as a community, discuss what you learned through the daily readings.

What do you think when you hear the word obedience?

How would you describe our culture's view of obedience?

What's the earliest memory you have of being disobedient?

What is the difference between obedience and legalism?

What is the relationship between salvation and obedience?

How can our own wrong ideas about God become idols?

How does obedience come from AND lead to freedom?

In what ways are you being called to obey and model obedience to those around you?

How can true obedience to God INCREASE our freedom?

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