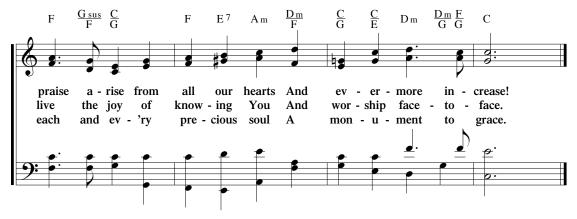
Psalm 48



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LEAD-IN: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised In the city of our God, His holy mountain. Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth. (Psalm 48:1-2, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Reflection on Psalm 48

Father, Your greatness,
the splendor of Your presence,
the glory of Your goodness,
the beauty of Your holiness
are seen most fully,
most clearly,
right now,
not in any buildings of brick and mortar,
but in the gathering of Your people.

From these

thoroughly human jars of clay (2 Corinthians 4:7)

Your radiance,

the radiance of the incarnate Christ,

glows for all to see.

Their joy in You reflects

Your joy in us.

Their active, smiling love for

each other and

for the needy

testifies to Your smiling love for all.

Yes, they are still growing in You, and You are still growing in them. But the likeness is undeniable and beautiful.

Do you want to catch just a glimpse of the heavenly Jerusalem?

Gather with God's people.
Each is a palace of the Great King,
though still under construction.
Each is an eternal monument to
His amazing grace.
And together, all of them,
all of us, are
the temple of the Living God.

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