Psalm 132: Conclusion

Read Psalm 132:10-18

The pilgrims who prayed Psalm 132 were just like us: they were being pressured by a variety of struggles and concerns. What was their hope? They were relying on God to fulfill promises made long before they were born.

Verse 10 of Psalm 132 was part of Solomon's prayer of dedication for the temple. But it was also the heart-cry of the pilgrims journeying up to Jerusalem: O Lord, remember David. Keep Your promises to him, and continue to be with us now.

Verses 11-12 recall God's promises to David, recorded in 2 Samuel 7:1-6 and 1 Chronicles 7:1-15. David had expressed his longing to build a house for God – a temple representing His presence among His people. But God responded that instead, He would build a "house" for David; that is, a royal dynasty. David's kingdom would never end. His descendants would rule God's people forever.

Psalm 132:11-12 reminds God of that promise. Verses 13-18 go on to remind God that He promised to live among His people, bless them, meet their needs, and protect them.

To sum up, Psalm 132 is praying, "God, we are trusting You to do what You promised. Our hope is in You." Would you like to pray this prayer for your own situation? Here is one way:

Father God, You have loved us, chosen us, and saved us in Your holy and beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

In Him You have set us apart entirely to Yourself through Your Spirit within us.

Now, Lord, all our hope is in You.

We stand on Your eternal promise.

Complete Your holy work in us.

Use us to Your glory.

May Your name be exalted,

Your Kingdom come, and
Your will be done
on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen!

Sometimes we need to lay ourselves out before God. We need to recall what He has done and what He has promised to do, then stand simply and boldly on His faithfulness alone.

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