

## Psalm 132: Remember

Read Psalm 132:1-9

Notice the very first word of the psalm: remember. We can't understand the present without understanding the past that brought us here. History puts the present in a meaningful context.

Who is the psalmist calling to "remember"? Primarily, God. He is asking God to remember. It's not that he is afraid God has forgotten. He is laying his concerns before God, placing them in the context of what God has done in the past. He is saying that what he is asking of God makes sense in the light of what God has done before.

But the psalm is also a reminder to his fellow pilgrims and himself. It is a reminder of why they are coming to Jerusalem, why they are praying to God, and why they are trusting Him. The psalm is focusing their faith on God.

What does he call to remembrance? His primary focus is David and God's dealings with David.

- He asks God, "Remember David, the man You loved, the man after Your own heart. You called into Your service, and He endured a lot for You." David spent years running from Saul's unjust persecution. Once Saul was dead, David had to fight Saul's son for the throne. And once he was finally king, he had many enemies to fight. He endured all this because of God's call and anointing on his life (v.1).
- The writer calls to remembrance that, even though David wasn't permitted to build the temple himself, the temple was built because of David's passion for the task, out of his love for God (vv.2-5). As a result, all Israel joyfully celebrated God's presence among them (vv.6-7).
- In verses 8-10, he continues recalling what God did through David by quoting 2 Chronicles 6:41-42, the end of Solomon's prayer dedicating the temple. As a fitting end to the entire building process, Solomon prayed, "Now, Lord, arise and fill this temple. Live among us and be our God."