

## 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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