

SINGING AS WE GO! PS 84, 87

Psalm 120-134 Ascent | Degree | Pilgrim Psalms

Hebrews 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

1 Peter 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

1. This is a journey – a pilgrim journey!

Psalm 120:title A Song of degrees.

Psalm 134:title A Song of degrees.

John 10:27 My sheep **hear** my voice, and I **know** them, **and they follow me:**

Getting saved is the key to it all:

- **The beginning**
- **An essential beginning**
- **But only the beginning!**
- **The beginning of the journey**

2. This is a journey **up!**

Psalm 120:title A Song of degrees.

Psalm 134:title A Song of degrees.

All 15 of the Pilgrim Psalms begin with the same words!

Luke 2:42 And when he was twelve years old, **they went up to Jerusalem** after the custom of the feast.

Luke 9:51 And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received **up**, he stedfastly set his face **to go to Jerusalem**,

Luke 18:31 Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, **we go up to Jerusalem**, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.

Luke 19:28 And when he had thus spoken, he went before, **ascending up to Jerusalem**.

3. This is a journey **with others!**

Psalm 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is **For brethren to dwell together in unity!**

Psalm 133:2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, That ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: That went down to the skirts of his garments; **Psalm 133:3** As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: For there the LORD commanded the blessing, Even life for evermore.

Luke 2:41 Now his **parents** went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. **Luke 2:42** And when he was twelve years old, **they** went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. **Luke 2:43** And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. **Luke 2:44** But they, supposing him to have been **in the company** (ἐν τῇ συνουσίᾳ), went a day's journey; and they sought him **among their kinsfolk** (ἐν τοῖς συγγενέσιν) and **acquaintance** (ἐν τοῖς γνωστοῖς).

4. This is a journey **against the odds!**

Psalm 120:1 **In my distress** I cried unto the LORD, And he heard me.

Psalm 120:2 **Deliver** my soul, O LORD, **from lying lips**, And **from a deceitful tongue**.

Psalm 120:5 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech, That I dwell in the tents of Kedar!

Psalm 120:6 My soul hath long dwelt With him that hateth peace.

Everyone likes a ^{little} religion!

1 Peter 4:2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. **1 Peter 4:3** For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: **1 Peter 4:4** **Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:**

The odds are against you!		
Sin	Sins	Friends
Family	Your own children	Life itself
Failure	Disappointments	Raging loves &/ lusts
Foolishness	False & foolish doctrines	Quirks/quirkiness
Defensiveness	Habits	Culture
Never owning the faith &/ the faith never owning you		

5. This is a journey **for** the distance! (A long journey)

Acts 2:5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. **Acts 2:6** Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. **Acts 2:7** And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? **Acts 2:8** And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? **Acts 2:9** Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, **Acts 2:10** Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, **Acts 2:11** Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

Parthia: 1,300 miles	Medes Elamites Mesopotamia: 600 miles
Cappadocia Pontus Asia Phrygia Pamphylia: 1,100 miles	Egypt: 300-400 miles
Libya: 1,640 miles	Rome: 2,500 miles
Crete: 645 miles	Arabia: 950 miles

“Life is not measured in years, life is measured in decades!” Dr. Wendell Evans

6. This is journey **about** | **for** | **with** the Lord!

Any other kind of journey will ultimately fail!

Psalm 134:1 Behold, **ble^ss ye the LORD**, all ye servants of the LORD, Which by night stand in the house of the LORD. **Psalm 134:2** Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, **And ble^ss the LORD**. **Psalm 134:3** **The LORD that made heaven and earth** **Ble^ss thee out of Zion**.

1 Corinthians 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. **Galatians 6:14** But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

7. A journey **of** singing **&** songs!