

# SINGING AS WE GO! PSALM 120-134

**Psalm 119:54** Thy statutes have been **my songs** In the house of my pilgrimage.

**Psalm 42:8** Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness **in the daytime**, And **in the night his song** shall be with me, And my prayer unto the God of my life.

**Psalm 32:7** Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; **Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance**. Selah.

**James 5:13** Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? **let him sing psalms** (Ψαλλέτω).

## 1. Ascending up **to** Jerusalem!

The Lord established a place of His own choosing → before the Israelites arrived in the promised land!

**Deuteronomy 12:5** But unto **the place which the LORD your God shall choose** out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come:

**Deuteronomy 12:8** Ye shall **not** do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes.

**Deuteronomy 12:9** For ye are **not** as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the LORD your God giveth you. **Deuteronomy 12:10** But when ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the LORD your God giveth you to inherit, and when he giveth you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety;

**Deuteronomy 12:11** Then **there shall be a place which the LORD your God shall choose** to cause his name to dwell there; thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the LORD: **Deuteronomy 12:13** Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy burnt offerings in every place that thou seest: **Deuteronomy 12:14** **But in the place which the LORD shall choose** in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, and there thou shalt do all that I command thee.

**That place would be Jerusalem & Jerusalem was the highest point in the promised land AND the spiritual center!**

## Ascending up to Jerusalem!

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

**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**.

**John 2:13** And the Jews' passover was at hand, and **Jesus went up to Jerusalem**,

**John 5:1** After this there was a feast of the Jews; and **Jesus went up to Jerusalem**.

## 2. Ascending up **in** obedience!

**Psalm 120:title** A Song of degrees (שִׁיר הַמַּעֲלוֹת).

**Psalm 134:title** A Song of degrees (שִׁיר הַמַּעֲלוֹת).

**Degrees: what comes up, steps, stairs, stair steps, degrees on a sundial, ascents...**

**Exodus 23:14** **Three times** thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year. **Exodus 23:15** Thou shalt keep **the feast of unleavened bread**: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:) **Exodus 23:16** And **the feast of harvest**, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and **the feast of ingathering**, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field. **Exodus 23:17** **Three times in the year** all thy males shall appear before the Lord GOD.

**Exodus 34:18** **The feast of unleavened bread** shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the month Abib: for in the month Abib thou camest out from Egypt. **Exodus 34:22** And thou shalt observe **the feast of weeks**, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and **the feast of ingathering** at the year's end. **Exodus 34:23** Thrice in the year shall all your men children appear before the Lord GOD, the God of Israel.

**Leviticus 23:4** **These are the feasts** of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons. **Leviticus 23:5** In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is **the LORD's passover**.

**Leviticus 23:16** Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath **shall ye number fifty days**; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.

**Leviticus 23:33** And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, **Leviticus 23:34** Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be **the feast of tabernacles** for seven days unto the LORD.

**Deuteronomy 16:16** **Three times in a year** shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in **the feast of unleavened bread**, and in **the feast of weeks**, and in **the feast of tabernacles**: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty: **Deuteronomy 16:17** Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee.

### **EXAMPLES OF THIS:**

**1 Samuel 1:3** And this man **went up** out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there.

**1 Samuel 1:7** And as he did so year by year, when she **went up** to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat.

**1 Samuel 1:21** And the man Elkanah, and all his house, **went up** to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.

**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.

**Acts 2:1** And when the day of **Pentecost** (**Πεντηκοστής**) was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. **Acts 2:5** And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

**Acts 20:16** For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of **Pentecost** (**Πεντηκοστής**).

**1 Corinthians 16:8** But I will tarry at Ephesus until **Pentecost** (**Πεντηκοστής**).

### **3. Ascending up among others!**

**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**, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.

#### **Psalms 120-134:**

- **Are Pilgrim Psalms**
- **Psalms for me**
- **And, Psalms for us**
- **Psalms that alternate between the individual and the group**

**Psalms 123:1** Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

**Psalms 123:2** Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, And as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; So **our** eyes wait upon the LORD our God, Until that he have mercy upon **us**. **Psalms 123:3** Have mercy upon **us**, O LORD, have mercy upon **us**: For **we** are exceedingly filled with contempt. **Psalms 123:4** **Our** soul is exceedingly filled With the scorning of those that are at ease, And with the contempt of the proud.

**Psalms 130:1** Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD. **Psalms 130:2** Lord, hear **my** voice: Let thine ears be attentive to the voice of **my** supplications.

**Psalms 130:7** Let **Israel** hope in the LORD: For with the LORD there is mercy, And with him is plenteous redemption. **Psalms 130:8** And he shall redeem **Israel** From all his iniquities.

### **4. Ascending up with God & with singing!**

**Psalms 122:1** I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.

**Psalms 122:2** Our feet shall stand Within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

**Psalms 122:3** Jerusalem is builded As a city that is compact together:

**Psalms 122:4** Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, Unto the testimony of Israel, To give thanks unto the name of the LORD.

**Psalms 121:1** I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, From whence cometh my help.

**Psalms 121:2** My help cometh from the LORD, Which made heaven and earth.

**Psalms 121:3** He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

**Psalms 121:4** Behold, he that keepeth Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep.

**Psalms 121:5** The LORD is thy keeper: The LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.

**Psalms 121:6** The sun shall not smite thee by day, Nor the moon by night.

**Psalms 121:7** The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul.

**Psalms 121:8** The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in From this time forth, and even for evermore.