

"THE SONGS THAT JESUS SANG" PART III

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2. Read Psalm 131. How does pride hinder a relationship with God? David, the writer of this Psalm, says his heart is not proud, but rather "stilled and quiet" (v. 2). Why would such a heart promote a relationship with God? How can you gain such a heart, even in the face of disquieting circumstances?

3. Read Psalm 132. According to this Psalm, how did David honor God (vv. 2-5)? What did the Lord, in turn, promise to David (vv. 11-12)? What blessings does the Lord desire to give to Jerusalem (vv. 13-16)? Above all, the Lord will exalt His Anointed One (vv. 17-18). What does "Anointed One" mean, and Who does it ultimately refer to?

4. Read Psalm 133. Now a Psalm about unity and fellowship. How is such genuine unity like the anointing of oil upon a holy priest? How is such unity like the dew upon the mountains? What causes truly good and pleasant unity among Christian brothers? Have you experienced this? When?

5. Read Psalm 134. This is the last of the 15 Psalms of ascents. The song says goodbye to the worshipers who will continue to minister before the Lord all through the night. Why should the praise continue without end? What have you learned or applied during our study of all the Psalms of ascents?

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