



Psalm 132: Covenantal Faithfulness: Our Call - God's Promises

Calling the Lord to remember: *"Lord remember David and all his self-denial [hardships and affliction].² He swore an oath to the LORD, he made a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:³ "I will not enter my house or go to my bed,⁴ I will allow no sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids,⁵ till I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."⁶ We heard it in Ephrathah, we came upon it in the fields of Jaar:⁷ "Let us go to his dwelling place, let us worship at his footstool, saying,⁸ 'Arise, LORD, and come to your resting place, you and the ark of your might.'⁹ May your priests be clothed with your righteousness; may your faithful people sing for joy."¹⁰ For the sake of your servant David, do not reject your anointed one.*

Recalling the Lord's promises: ¹¹ *The LORD swore an oath to David, a sure oath he will not revoke: "One of your own descendants I will place on your throne."¹² If your sons keep my covenant and the statutes I teach them, then their sons will sit on your throne forever and ever."¹³ For the LORD has chosen Zion, he has desired it for his dwelling, saying,¹⁴ "This is my resting place forever and ever; here I will sit enthroned, for I have desired it."¹⁵ I will bless her with abundant provisions; her poor I will satisfy with food.¹⁶ I will clothe her priests with salvation, and her faithful people will ever sing for joy."¹⁷ "Here I will make a horn grow for David and set up a lamp for my anointed one."¹⁸ I will clothe his enemies with shame, but his head will be adorned with a radiant crown."*

Covenant relationships are in the heartbeat of God's gracious love story of redemption. *"The Hebrew word translated "covenant" has several meanings: (1) to eat with, which suggests **fellowship and agreement**; (2) to bind or fetter, which means **commitment**; and (3) to allot, which suggests **sharing**" - When God makes a covenant, it is an act of grace. He enters into an agreement to commit Himself to give what He promises. (Warren Wiersbe)*

Suggested Prayer Focuses:

- The Psalmist calls the Lord to remember King David's hardships and passion for His presence and recalls the promises He [the Lord] made to him and his descendants. Four times in verses 11-18, the word "forever" appears or is implied, it is no wonder this covenant was central to Israel's hope. Pray that the Jewish people will have revelation of who Jesus is; The Root and the Offspring of David (Rev 22:16) Greater than David (Psalm 110:1-4) The Passover Lamb (Exodus 12:1-51, John 1:29) God's Son (Psalm 2:1-12, Mark 1:11) The New Covenant Jeremiah 31:31
- Notice the steps describing the progression of David's pursuit of God in verses 6-9; he heard, he found, he went to, he worshipped, he beckoned and he made supplications for His people. David's heart after God is the heart of the Beloved – the Bride (Song of Songs 3:1-5) How hot is your personal pursuit of God? Confess any apathy or even fatigue and ask the Lord to awaken and arouse passionate love in you for Him.

- The Hebrew mindset “operating principle” is **trust in God** and the way to walk in covenant with God is to **learn to walk in His favour**, believing that God has chosen you and is watching over you. As Christ followers “*we live in the new covenant in Jesus’ blood, the covenant that declares that we don’t have to get it all together in order to come – or stay – with God. For unlike the previous covenants which were all broken because people did not trust the Giver, “this covenant cannot be broken. All the other covenants were between God and human beings, but **this covenant is between God and God.**”* (Darrell Johnson) Read Ephesians 1:1-14 and spend some time in praise and thanksgiving.
- Pray Psalm 132 from the position of the New Covenant. Read it out loud as a renewal or recommitment to the covenant we have with God through Christ.

Calling God to remember: Abba Father, I bow before you, and cry, “Berith Karath, Covenant Maker; remember our Saviour the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, Your Only Son. Remember all that he endured on the cross as a ransom to deliver us and set us free from sin and death. Remember in your great mercy you sent Him because you so loved us and desired that none should perish but have eternal life - life that knows You, the One True God. I profess with my mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord and believe in my heart you raised Him from the dead. Have pity upon me. I plead that eternal covenant which you made with Christ on my behalf.” The covenant of grace, more ancient than the one you made with David and a covenant established on better promises. For in Christ we have redemption through His blood and the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of His grace. (Eph1:7)

Personalize and Read aloud Psalm 51

Lord Jesus you have put a new song in my mouth. I will worship you, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords with all of my heart with all my mind and with all my strength. I say to you Lord, “One thing I ask ...that I may dwell in Your house all the days of my life, to gaze upon your beauty and to seek You in Your temple. (Psalm 27:4) Thank you Abba Father that in Christ you have dwelled all the fullness of the Godhead (Col 2:9) and in Christ all believers are also built together for a habitation of God through the spirit.(Ephesians 2:22) The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” Come Lord Jesus, lover of my soul – Come.”

Recall God’s promises: El Ch’ay, Living God you hear our cries as we call upon your name. In response you extend to us mercy, keeping Your covenant with us throughout the generations. Your love comforts and beckons us, “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost...³ Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. See I have made My Son a witness to the peoples...Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations that do not know you will hasten to you because of the Lord your God the Holy One of Israel for he has endowed you with splendor. Your ways are higher than our ways ...and Your word goes out from Your mouth and will not return to You empty but will accomplish what You desire and achieve the purpose for which You sent it. You will cause the land to flourish yielding seed for the sower and bread for the eater. You will fill our mouths with good things and we will go out in joy and be led forth in peace. Even your creation will praise you and Your Kingdom will come and your will, will be done on earth, in us ...Through You Jesus, the Father will reconcile to Himself all things whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through Your blood that you shed on the cross. For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

Isaiah 55, Psalm 81:10, Mathew 6:10, a13, Col 1:19-20