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September memory verse: **Psalm 119:105 (NKJV)**

Your word *is* a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

Announcement: Tuesday September is Primary Election day in NH. You are urged to vote base on Bible values. You can research candidates at ivoterguide.com

Many voter guides simply show you endorsements of specific candidates or candidate's positions on specific issues instead of giving you the facts on all the issues and letting you decide. **iVoterGuide doesn't tell you who to vote for; instead, we give YOU the information so you can decide for yourself and educate others.**

Additionally, iVoterGuide goes directly to source materials, researching each candidate based on what they've done not just what they say they'll do! We make all the research available to you online so you don't just have to take our word for it. We believe the information is crucial to helping equip not just to vote but to confidently engage others and share information.

Please get informed and vote!

**Commentary on Psalms 131, 132, 133, and 134
by, Chuck Smith, September 6, 2020**

[Psalm 131](#)

LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things that are too high for me. Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul is even as a weaned child. Let Israel hope in the LORD from henceforth and for ever ([Psa 131:1-3](#)).

Lord, I am just a simple person. I am not complex. I don't try to deal with those matters that are above me or beyond my capacities in order that I might look sophisticated or wise or whatever. God, You know I'm just a simple person. My heart isn't haughty. I'm not... I don't look loftily at people as though I am something. I know, God, the truth about myself. I know I am nothing. I'm just like a child, Lord, like a nursing child. My hope is in You forever.

[Psalm 132](#)

LORD, remember David, and all his afflictions: How he swore unto the LORD, and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob; Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed; I will not give sleep to my eyes, or slumber to my eyelids, until I find out a place for the LORD, a habitation for the mighty God of Jacob ([Psa 132:1-5](#)).

David had determined that he was going to build a house for God. He said, "I'm not going to rest until I build a house for God. It's not fair. I'm living in this beautiful palace and we still are worshipping God in a tent. God should have a temple. A beautiful house to worship Him in. So it's not right, I'm not going to rest until I build a house for God." Great zeal. Lord, remember David. All of his afflictions and how he had determined to build a house.

Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood. We will go into his tents: we will worship at his footstool. Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength. Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy. For thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of thine anointed. The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne ([Psa 132:6-11](#)).

God had sworn to David by an oath that from the fruit of his body there would sit one upon the throne forever. Going back to the prophecy of Isaiah, [Isaiah 9:6-7](#), "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. And of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His kingdom, to order it, and to establish it in judgment and in justice from henceforth even for ever." It's going to happen. God has sworn to David that from the fruit of David's loins there would be one who would sit upon the throne. "From the fruit of thy body I will set one upon the throne." Jesus came from David. As the angel said unto Mary, "He shall be great. He shall be called the Son of the Highest: and He shall sit upon the throne of His father David" ([Luke 1:32](#)). Because Mary was a direct descendant of David. And the promise that Jesus would sit upon the throne of David is yet to be fulfilled and will be fulfilled when He returns again and establishes the Kingdom Age. He will sit then upon the throne of David and God's oath will be fulfilled.

If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore ([Psa 132:12](#)).

Jesus gave the promise actually to the church. "Unto him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me upon My throne in My kingdom, even as I have overcome, and have sat down with My Father on His throne" ([Revelation 3:21](#)). So to the faithful is the promise made.

For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling place ([Psa 132:13](#)).

God chose Jerusalem; God desires it. And it is interesting, I don't think that Jerusalem is that beautiful a city. You know, you go to some cities, Seattle, beautiful city. Some cities on the lakeshores or on the ocean, Jerusalem is just in a rocky crate. So many rocks you can't grow too many trees. And yet God has chosen it. Why He chose it, I don't know. But it is His choice. He chose it. When He dwells upon the earth, that's where He's going to dwell. That's where He's going to reign. Of all the places on the earth, I probably would have chosen somewhere in Kauai or somewhere, you know, Hanalei Bay. But He's chosen Jerusalem. And because He has chosen it, it becomes special. Not because it is special. It's only because He chose it that it's special. He didn't choose it because it was special; but because He chose it, it has become special. It all lies in His choice. That's what made it special.

Now God answers at this point, verse 14, God now is talking and God declares,

This is my rest for ever ([Psa 132:14](#)):

Talking about Jerusalem.

here will I dwell; for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread. I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy. There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed. His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish ([Psa 132:14-18](#)).

Now here is God speaking, and in the last two verses He's referring, actually, His anointed is His Messiah, or is Jesus. "There will I make the horn of David to bud," as Jesus sits upon the throne of David. "I have ordained a lamp for Mine anointed." Or My Messiah. "And His enemies will be clothed with shame, but His crown, His reign will flourish."

[Psalm 133](#)

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! ([Psa 133:1](#))

How sad and tragic it is for brothers to dwell together in disunity. Oh, how we need to strive to maintain the unity of the body of Christ.

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 ([Psa 133:2](#));

Now, the anointing with oil in the Old Testament when they sanctified Aaron towards the priesthood, they took oil and they poured it over him. And as they poured it over him, it ran down him, ran down his beard, dripped on down and on his skirts. It just... the

anointing with oil was just taking a jar and dumping it out. Now in the New Testament it says, "Is there any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord" ([James 5:14](#)).

And now if we did it like they did in Bible days, we just come out with a pitcher of oil and pour it over the head of the sick. You'd really get then the implication of the anointing with oil. The oil in here is kicking back to the precious ointment that was upon the head, poured upon the head of Aaron. Ran down on his beard, even down to the skirts of his garments.

As the dew of Hermon, as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore ([Psa 133:3](#)).

What is so good? I mean, what is all of these pictures? It's just picturesque of the goodness of men who dwell together in unity. How glorious it is to be able to gather together in love and in unity and just hey, all part of the family. What a beautiful experience. It's incomparable. It's fresh. It's anointed. It's alive.

[Psalm 134](#)

Behold, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD, which stand by night in the house of the LORD. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD. The LORD that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion ([Psa 134:1-3](#)).

So twofold: bless the Lord, and then may you receive the blessing of the Lord. "Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the house of the Lord."

One of the glorious ministries of Calvary Chapel is the Men's Prayer Ministry where men gather by night in the house of the Lord. Where men are here all night long, standing before the Lord, bringing before the Lord the prayer requests, the needs of the body. Men volunteer on three-hour shifts maybe every second week or so to just come in, just to stand before the Lord in His sanctuary. "Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which stand by night in the house of the Lord." What a privilege, what a blessing. Just to come down and stand before the Lord for the needs of the body. "Lift up your hands in the sanctuary. Bless the Lord." How glorious it is. How beautiful it is. May God bless you out of Zion.