

Worship

Psalm 122



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1 I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.' 2 Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem. 3 Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together. 4 That is where the tribes go up – the tribes of the Lord – to praise the name of the Lord according to the statute given to Israel. 5 There stand the thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of David. 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May those who love you be secure. 7 May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.' 8 For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, 'Peace be within you.' 9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your prosperity.



HEBREWS 10

24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

EUGENE PETERSON

In Jerusalem everything that God said was remembered and celebrated. When you went to Jerusalem, you encountered the great foundational realities: God created you, God redeemed you, God provided for you. In Jerusalem you saw in ritual and heard proclaimed in preaching the powerful history-shaping truth that God forgives our sins and makes it possible to live without guilt and with purpose. In Jerusalem all the scattered fragments of experience, all the bits and pieces of truth and feeling and perception were put together in a single whole.





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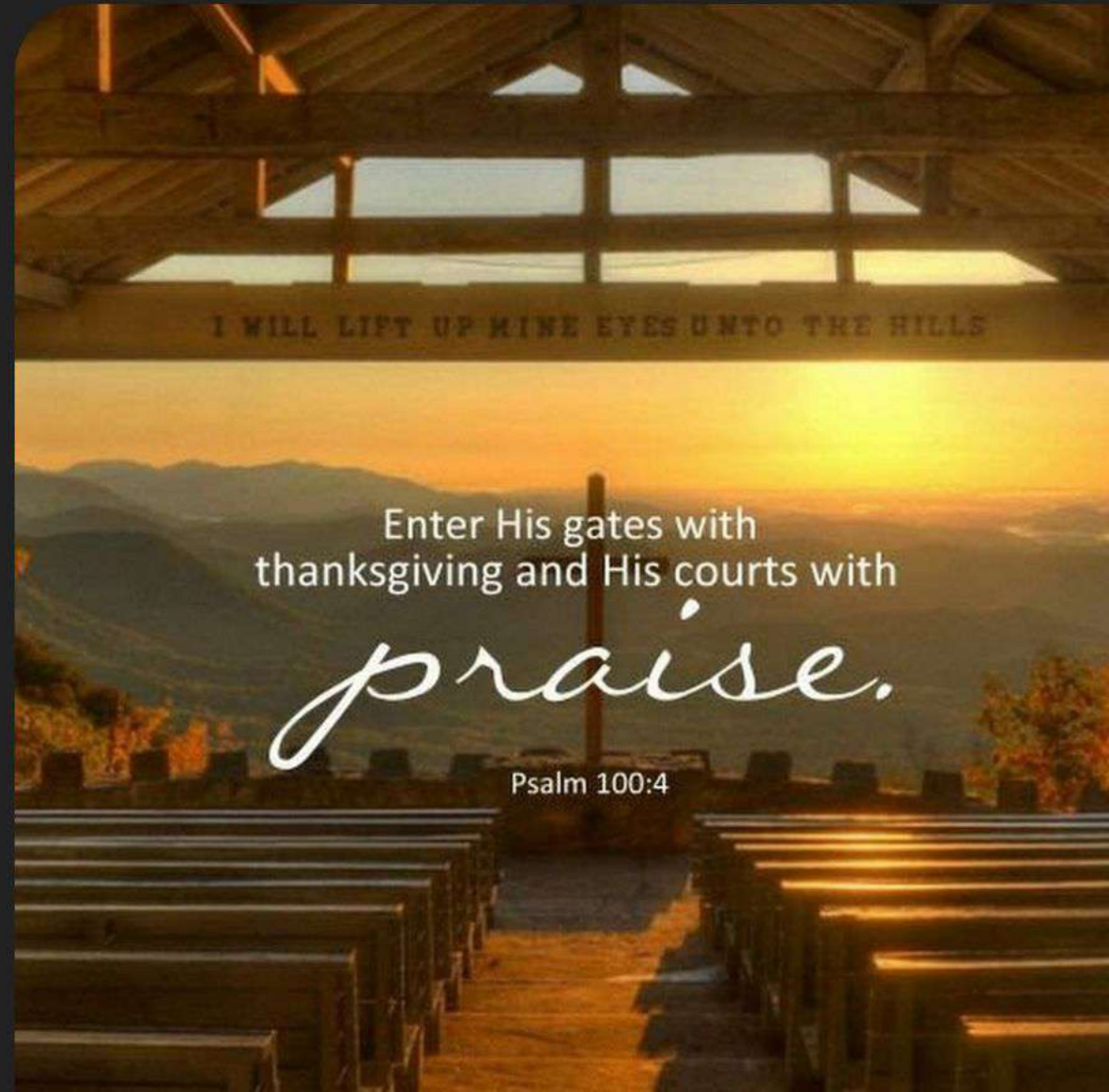
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Rejoice!

- 1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.
- 3 Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.
- 5 For the Lord is good and his love endures for ever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.



Unity & Oneness

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The city itself was a kind of architectural metaphor for what worship is: All the pieces of masonry fit compactly, all the building stones fit harmoniously. There were no loose stones, no leftover pieces, no awkward gaps in the walls or towers. It was well built, compactly built, skillfully built, "at unity with itself." What is true architecturally is also true socially, for the sentence continues, "to which the tribes ascend, all God's tribes." In worship all the different tribes functioned as a single people in harmonious relationship. In worship, though we have come from different places and out of various conditions, we are demonstrably after the same things, saying the same things, doing the same things. With all our differing levels of intelligence and wealth, background and language, rivalries and resentments, still in worship we are gathered into a single whole. Outer quarrels and misunderstandings and differences pale into insignificance as the inner unity of what God builds in the act of worship is demonstrated.





Unity & Oneness

5 so in Christ we, though many,
form one body, and each member
belongs to all the others.

Romans 12



PSALM 133

1 How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! 2 It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. 3 It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life for evermore.



4 That is where the tribes go up - the tribes of the Lord - to praise the name of the Lord according to the statute given to Israel.

The city to which the tribes ascend, all God's tribes go up to worship, to give thanks to the name of God— this is what it means to be Israel.

P S A L M 1 2 2

9 But ye are a chosen generation,
a royal priesthood, an holy
nation, a peculiar people; that ye
should shew forth the praises of
him who hath called you out of
darkness into his marvellous
light; (KJV)



A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD

1 PETER 2



We think that if we don't feel something there can be no authenticity in doing it. But the wisdom of God says something different: that we can act ourselves into a new way of feeling much quicker than we can feel ourselves into a new way of acting. Worship is an act that develops feelings for God, not a feeling for God that is expressed in an act of worship.

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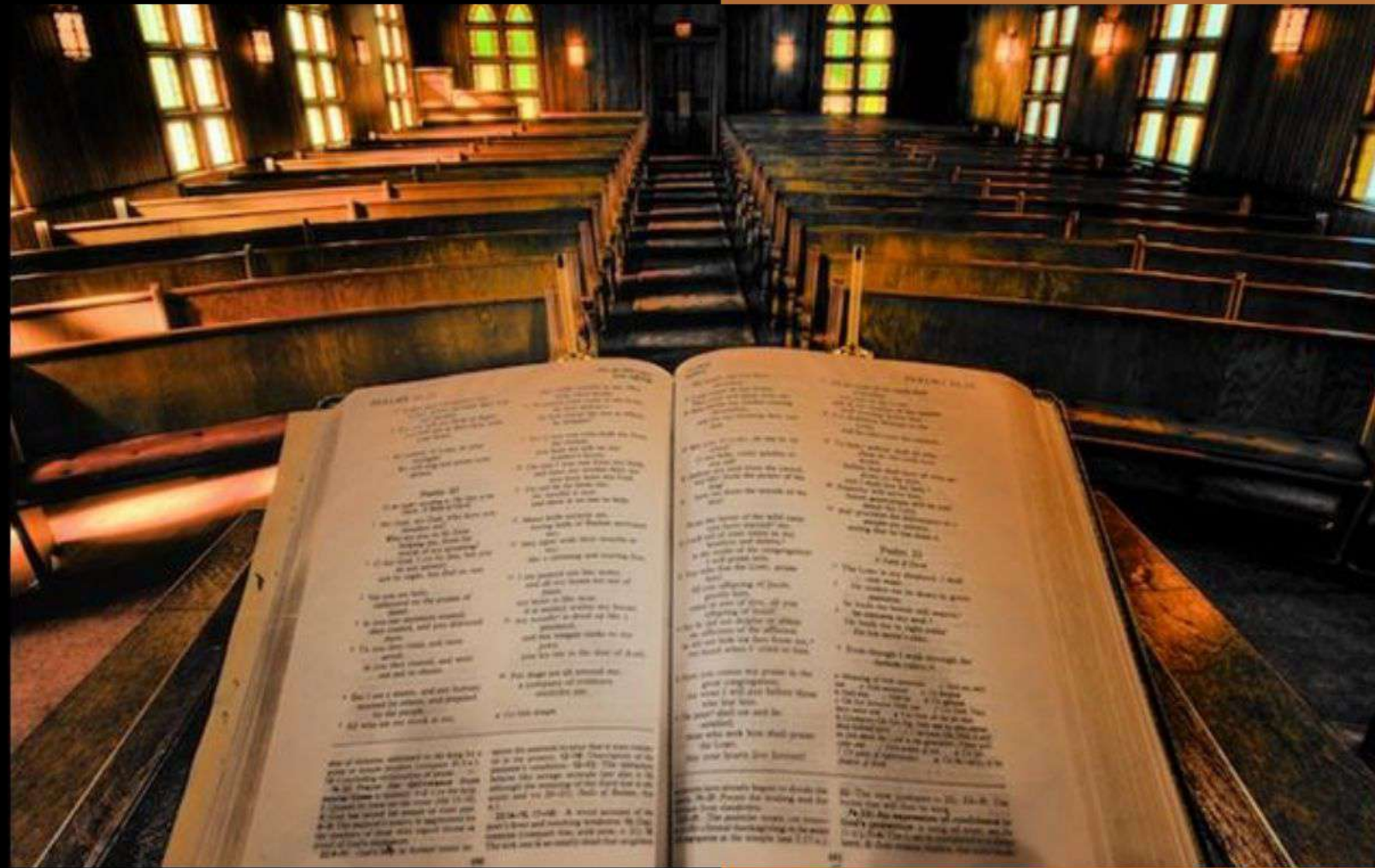


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5 There stand the thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

"JUDGMENT"

"the decisive word by which God straightens things out and puts things right."



God's Word In Worship



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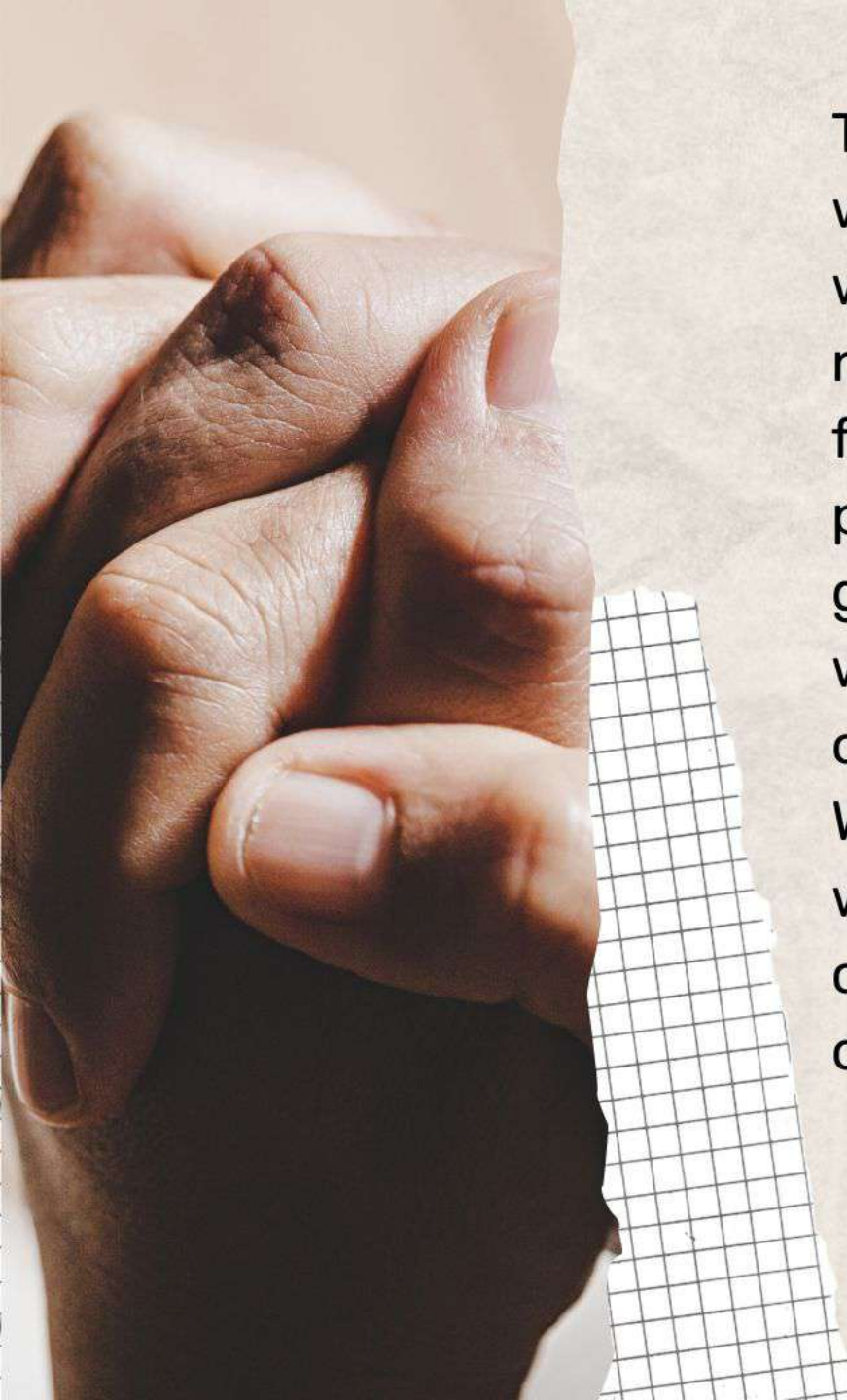
A close-up photograph of a hand holding a pen, positioned as if about to write on a piece of paper. The hand is on the left side of the frame, and the pen is held in a writing grip. The background is a light-colored, textured surface, possibly a piece of paper or a book cover.

Pray

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May those who love you be secure. 7 May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.' 8 For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, 'Peace be within you.' 9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your prosperity.

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The word “pray” is a transition into the everyday world. It is not the word ordinarily used in formal worship, but the everyday Hebrew word for “ask.” It is not improperly translated “pray,” for when we ask from God we pray. But the asking is not a formal prayer in the sanctuary; it is an informal asking as we go about our business between Sundays. It is the word Hebrews would use to ask for a second helping of bread if still hungry, or for directions if lost. Worship does not satisfy our hunger for God – it whets our appetite. Our need for God is not taken care of by engaging in worship – it deepens. It overflows the hour and permeates the week.

Eugene Peterson

A hand is shown on the left side of the image, holding a piece of light-colored, textured paper. A torn strip of brown paper is attached to the top of the main paper. The text 'Pray for ...' is written in white cursive on the brown strip. Below this, the Hebrew words 'שָׁלוֹם' and 'שְׁלוּה' are written in black, followed by their English transliterations 'Shalom' and 'Shalwah' in black cursive. A small piece of yellow tape is visible on the right side of the brown strip.

Pray for ...

שָׁלוֹם

Shalom

שְׁלוּה

Shalwah

Peace

שְׁלוֹם

The root of the word means "complete". It carries the notion of wellbeing and also contains the word "paid for".

"Jerusalem" contains the root letters - "complete, paid for, peace." At Jerusalem, Jesus completed the work of redemption. He paid for our sins and brought us peace with God.

(Ronen Neubert)

Prosperity

שְׁלוֹהַ

The root of the word means "leisure".

... the relaxed stance of one who knows that everything is all right because God is over us, with us and for us in Jesus Christ. It is the security of being at home in a history that has a cross at its center. It is the leisure of the person who knows that every moment of our existence is at the disposal of God, lived under the mercy of God.

(Eugene Peterson)



Shalom & Shalwah



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True Peace

41 As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city,
he wept over it 42 and said, 'If you, even you, had
only known on this day what would bring you
peace – but now it is hidden from your eyes.

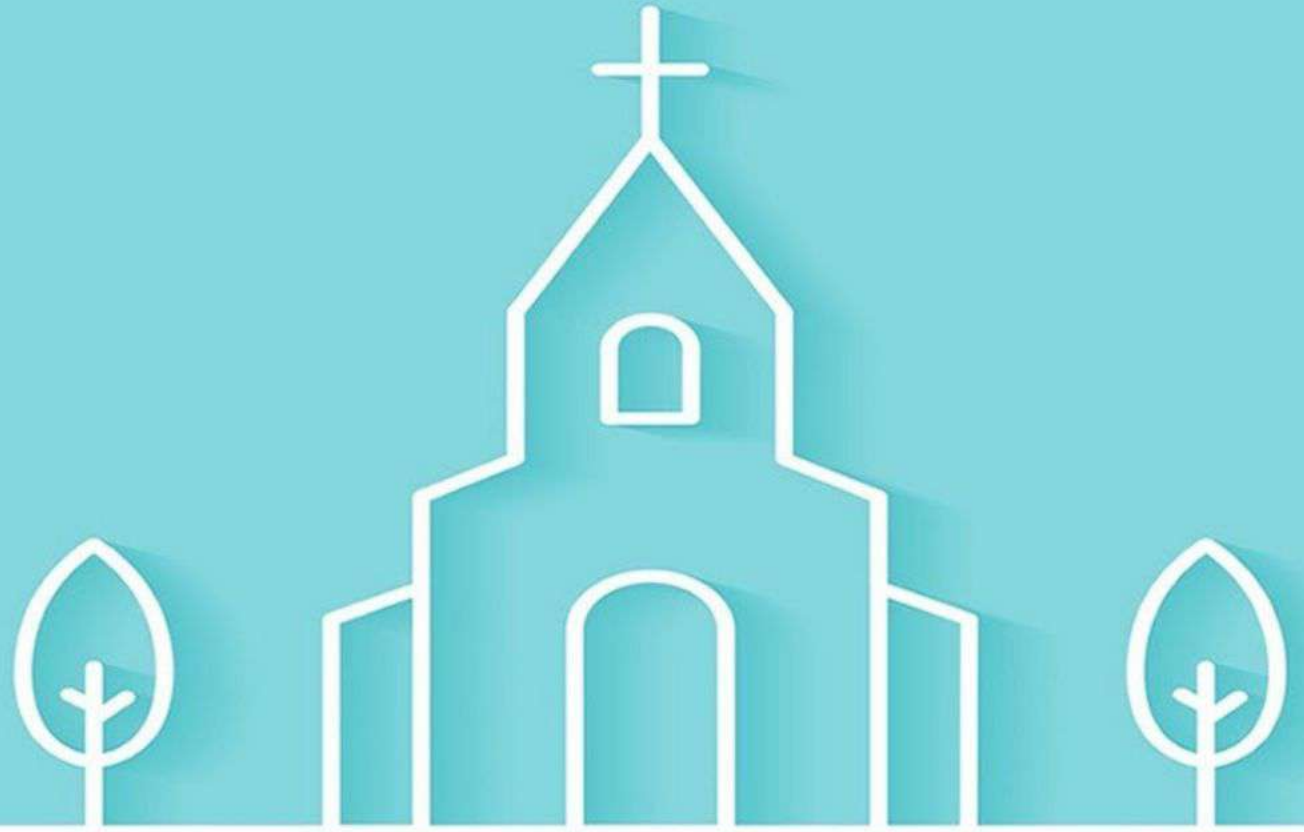
Luke 19



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