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God's presence during distress

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PSALM 134:
Praise to God in His temple

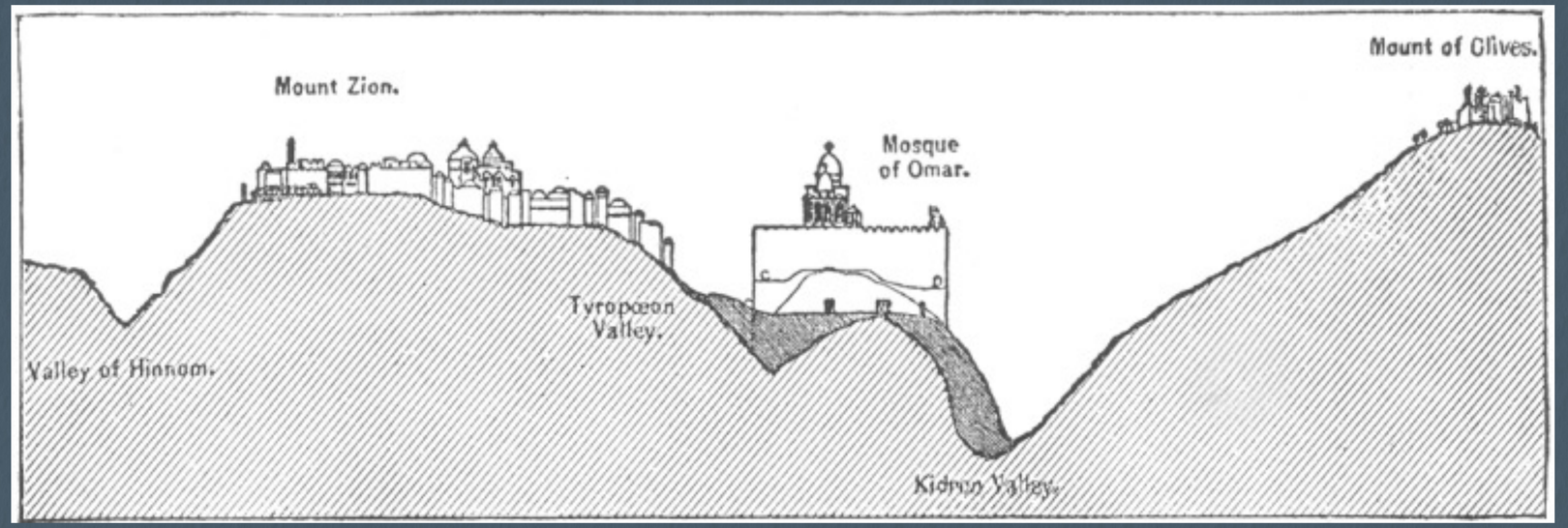
How you *approach* the worship of God matters.

Psalm 84:5-7 NIV

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.
6 As they pass through the Valley of Baka,
they make it a place of springs;
the autumn rains also cover it with pools.
7 They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in Zion.

“We shall consider them as songs sung by those pilgrims who went up to Jerusalem to worship... These songs of desire, and hope, and approach are appropriate for the pilgrims' to use as they go up to worship.”

- G. CAMPBELL MORGAN


Mount Zion.
Mount of Olives.
Mosque of Omar.
Tyropœon Valley.
Valley of Hinnom.
Kidron Valley.

Our worship and approach to worship
forms life and *determines* destiny.

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Hebrew Pilgrim Feasts

Passover & Feast of Unleavened Bread:
celebrated the Exodus

The Feast of Weeks (Pentecost):
celebrated the harvest and the covenant

The Feast of Tabernacles:
celebrated the wilderness journey

Our Church Calendar

Sabbath/Lord's Day:
celebrates the finished work of Jesus

Advent:
four-week anticipation of Christmas

Christmas:
celebrates the birth of Christ

Epiphany:
celebrates the arrival of the wise men

Lent:
40 days of reflection prior to Easter

Holy Week:
celebrates the passion of Jesus and the resurrection

Our Cultural Calendar

Back to School:
celebrates the start of new things

Fall-fest/Thanksgiving:
celebrates football, fall, friends, and family

Christmas:
celebrates Santa, gifts, and a cappella music

Valentine's Day:
celebrates romantic love

Spring Break:
celebrates rest and recreation

Memorial Day & Independence Day:
remembers fallen veterans, celebrates America, and launches summer

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Psalms of **Ascent**

Psalm 120 NIV

A song of ascents.

I call on the LORD in my distress,
and he answers me.
2 Save me, LORD,
from lying lips
and from deceitful tongues.

Psalm 122:3-4 NIV

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.

Psalm 121:1-2 NIV

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
2 My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

Psalms 123:3 NIV

Have mercy on us, LORD, have mercy on us,
for we have endured no end of contempt.

Psalm 125:1-2 NIV

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be shaken but endures forever.
2 As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the Lord surrounds his people
both now and forevermore.

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Psalm 127:1 NIV

Unless the LORD builds the house,
the builders labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the guards stand watch in vain.

Psalm 128: 1-2 NIV

Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
who walk in obedience to him.
2 You will eat the fruit of your labor;
blessings and prosperity will be yours.

Psalm 130:7-8 NIV

Israel, put your hope in the LORD,
for with the LORD is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.
8 He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins.

Psalm 132:17-18 NIV

"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."

Psalms of **Ascent**

Psalm 133 NIV

A song of ascents. Of David.

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 forevermore.

Psalm 134 NIV

A song of ascents.

Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD
who minister by night in the house of the LORD.
2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary
and praise the LORD.
3 May the LORD bless you from Zion,
he who is the Maker of heaven and earth.

Luke 2:41-46NIV

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. 42 When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. 43 After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. 44 Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. 45 When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

Luke 2:51-52NIV

...Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Hebrews 4:14-16 NIV

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has
ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold
firmly to the faith we profess. 15 For we do not have a high
priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but
we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as
we are—yet he did not sin. 16 Let us then approach God's
throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive
mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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3 What will he do to you,
and what more besides,
you deceitful tongue?
4 He will punish you with a warrior's sharp arrows,
with burning coals of the broom bush.
5 Woe to me that I dwell in Meshek,
that I live among the tents of Kedar!
6 Too long have I lived
among those who hate peace.
7 I am for peace;
but when I speak, they are for war.

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the Maker of heaven and earth.
3 He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
4 indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
5 The LORD watches over you—
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
6 the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
7 The LORD will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
8 the LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

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