1 – **I Was Glad When They Said, ‘Come Let Us Go To the House Of The Lord’**Psalms 122:1

2 – **“A Song of Ascents”**

The Songs of Ascent are a collection of 15 Psalms that were traditionally sung by Jewish worshippers, who ascended the uphill road to Jerusalem to attend any of the 3 annual festivals in the Temple (Deuteronomy 16:16).

3 - **Is There Joy and Gladness In Worship?**

* **“I don’t get anything out of it!” -** The question is what are we bringing to it?
* It did not remain a day of gladness as it was in David’s time. (Malachi 1:6-14)
* Is it to us? Was it? How is it achieved? How can I regain it?

4 - **Consider Psalms 120**

* Description of the “***day of trouble***” and the need for “***deliverance***”. (vs. 1-2)
* Living amongst those ***“who hate peace”*** and those who are our enemies. (vs. 6)
* We also live in a world hostile to truth and righteousness as we prepare to worship God.

5 - **Consider Psalms 121**

* A prayer of confidence in the midst of despair. (vs. 1-8)
* We need help on our journey and God will help us, keep us, protect us and guard us when we are faithful to Him.
* God won’t let our feet slip and provide the aid we need.

6 - **Two Parts To Psalms 122**

**1st part - in the present…**

Vs. 1 - the joy of knowing, ‘it’s time!’.

Vs. 2 - the joy of actually being there!

Vs. 3 - the joy of unity!

Vs. 4 - the joy of obedient worship!

Vs. 5 - the joy in the justice of God!

7 - **Two Parts To Psalms 122**

**2nd part - in the future…**

Vs. 6 - a prayer for the peace of God’s people.

Vs. 7 - a prayer for the God’s blessings on the leaders in the “palaces”. (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

Vs. 8 - a prayer for others… those generations yet to come!

Vs. 9 - “*For the sake of the house of the Lord our God…*”

8 - **Applications To Be Made**

1. **If we’ve lost our joy and gladness in worship and serving God, we need to repent and find it. (Revelation 2:4-5; Matthew 24:12)**
2. **We must come together in unity. (Psalms 122:3; 133:1; Ephesians 4:1-3; 1 Cor. 1:10; 11:17ff; Romans 14:17-19)**
3. **We need to wake up and see what the world offers. (John 16:33; 14:27; 1 John 2:15)**

9 – **Applications To Be Made**

1. **Only God and His word offer the help and hope we need. (John 6:68; Acts 20:32)**
2. **We need to think about others and notably generations to come. (Hebrews 10:23-24;
Psalms 78:6; 79:13; 89:1)**
3. **Honor God by humbling obeying His will!**