

Psalms of

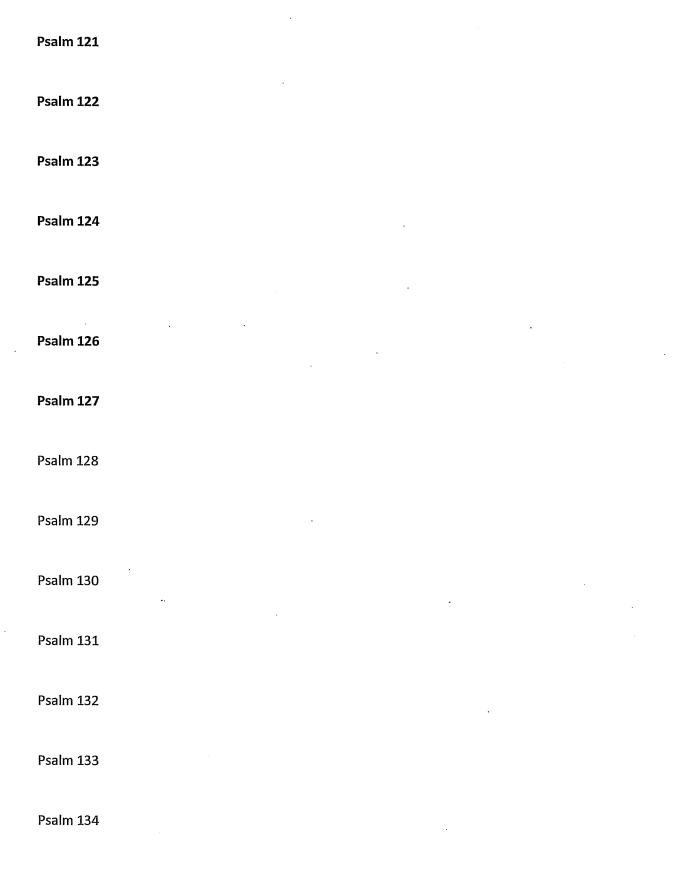
Psalms 120-134

Psalms of Ascent

- Pilgrim Songs
- Journey Songs
- OT reference to certain "feasts" when the Israelites were to go to Jerusalem (Deuteronomy 16:16, Exodus 23:14-17)
- Purpose of the Ascent Psalms:
- Jesus would have traveled to Jerusalem for these annual festivals
 - o Luke 2:41-42
- For us, the Christian life is a journey, a pilgrimage of "discipleship"
 - Paul Tournier in A Place for You: "It is like being in between the time we leave home and arrive at our destination; between the time we leave adolescence and arrive at adulthood; between the time we leave doubt and arrive at faith. It is like the time when a trapeze artist lets go of the bar and hangs in midair, ready to catch another support; it is a time of danger, of expectation, of uncertainty, of excitement, of extraordinary aliveness."
 - o "William Faulkner, "They are not monuments, but footprints. A monument only says, 'At least I got this far,' while a footprint says, 'This is where I was when I moved again.'"
- God's temple/the holy city of Jerusalem represented the center of worship. In the Ascent Psalms, they tend to:

| 0 | God's work in the past |
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| 0 | their commitment to follow Jesus |
| 0 | to His work in their life |

Weary Traveler" - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z36k-BXlags



Psalm 120