

PSALM 120 vs 1

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Psalms 120 – 134 formed a hymn book used by pilgrims going up to Jerusalem for the 3 annual feasts of Passover, Pentecost and Tents (temporary shelters). Some scholars suggest that there were 15 steps by which the priests ascended into the temple. Martin Luther wrote: when the law was in full force and power, some psalms were sung in one manner of ceremony, and some in another; these psalms pertain to the ceremony of the singers, whatever ceremony it was – Commentary on the Psalms of Degrees; 1577. Traditionally, these **Songs of Degrees** were sung by devout pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem to keep the festivals of the Lord, we suppose that those traveling in groups up this long ascent would relieve the tedium of the way by chanting the 15 psalms.



A Song of Ascents,

¹ **In my distress I cried to the LORD, and He heard me** / from his great volume The Treasury of David, Charles Spurgeon wrote: see the wondrous advantage of trouble – that it makes us call upon God.

² **Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, and a deceitful tongue.**

³ **What will be given to you? and what more will be done to you, O false tongue?** / what fee or reward have you for being an accuser and not an advocate? What is the gain, what is the benefit of having a deceitful tongue, slandering your brother, destroying his good name?

⁴ **Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper** / Martin Luther says, notice the power of wicked words like an arrow, not blunt, but sharp; thrown not by the weak and feeble, but by the strong and mighty; hurling with great violence; they are abundant as coals that burn a very long time.

⁵ **Woe is me, for I sojourn in Meshech; for I dwell in the tents of Kedar!** / how terrible it is for this one... who sounds like Asia Bibi, and so many faithful followers of the Lord, who dwell among the fierce and warlike barbarians of endless wars. Moses told the people before they entered the land promised to Abraham, how to live under God's blessings or curses, the choice was theirs; adding, because you did not serve the Lord your God with joy and glad hearts, for the abundance of all things; therefore, you will serve your enemies whom the Lord will send against you, in hunger, thirst, nakedness, and in lack of all things; and He will put an iron yoke on your neck until He has destroyed you.

I find it interesting, the only time the word: **worst** is used in the King James Bible, is when the prophet says of an end time event, make the chain, for the earth is full of bloody crimes and the city is full of hamas. Therefore, I will bring the worst of the nations, and they will possess your houses. I will make the pride of the strong ones cease, and heir holy places will be profaned -- Ezekiel 7:24.

And aren't you a little curious, especially if the end time of the Gentiles are approaching, if these worst of the nations... can be seen on TV or internet.

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The best way to un-worst them should they move into the neighborhood, is to change them; and the best way to change them is to share the powerful love of the Lord with them. Is not My word like fire? says the LORD; and like a hammer that shatters the rock? God's word is powerful enough to shatter anyone's hard head and hard heart.

Dwelling among false brethren and a bastard race of Abraham, where faith is torn in pieces, light turned into darkness, and the majesty of God exposed to the grossest mockeries, by those who molested and tormented them; though this one had behaved toward them in good conscience – John Calvin, 1509-1564.

Those very persons, naturally thievish and treacherous, will overtake and pillage in the morning those who were entertained the night before with all the instances of friendship and hospitality, everyone whom they find unarmed and defenseless, yet for those merciless and hereditary hatreds which continue among them, fulfilling they should be a wild man – Thomas Shaw, 1692 - 1751.

6 My soul has too long dwelt with him who hates peace / Jesus was a man of peace, He came into our world, worshiped at His birth as the Prince of peace. He lived to make peace, by the blood of His cross, He died to complete it. When He was going out of the world, He said to His disciples, Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you, not as the world gives, give I to you – John 14.

7 I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war.

So the one singing this Song, starting their ascent, is for Jesus; this one speaks with all respect and kindness; this one speaks reasonably and with love; but they would not so much as hear him – Matthew Henry.

Others will swear Ishmael, is a man of peace, but he isn't; he's just another wild jackass, who hates the Prince of peace. All those restless souls, who exchanged the Prince of peace and put their trust in weapons, they are for war, they will be tested.

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