

# PSALM 131 vs 1

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This is the 12<sup>th</sup> of 15 psalms... sometimes called: **A Song of Ascents**... thought by some to be sung in praise to the LORD of glory... used in the all-night ceremony to begin **Passover**, **Pentecost** and **the Feast of Tabernacles**.

Charles Spurgeon wrote: Comparing all the Psalms to gems, we should liken this to a pearl: how beautifully it will adorn the neck of patience. It is one of the shortest Psalms to read, but one of the longest to learn. This solitary dialogue speaks of a young child, but it contains the experience of a man in Christ.



## **A Song of Ascents of David,**

**<sup>1</sup> O LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor my eyes lofty** / we have enough audience when we speak with the Lord. David begins with his heart; what the heart desires, the eyes look for; and as mire in the spring causes mud in the streams, so if pride is there it stains everything; and we know there is no worse pride than that which claims humility when it doesn't have it – Charles Spurgeon:

**nor do I involve myself in great matters, or in things too high for me** / as a private man he did not usurp the power of the king or devise plots against him; he minded his own business; and left others to mind theirs. As a thoughtful man, he knew his place, he did not pry into hidden things; he was not speculative or opinionated. A man does well to know his own size. What an arrogant heart he must have who will not serve God unless he is trusted with five talents at the least! His looks are indeed lofty who despises to be light among his poor friends and neighbors here below, but demands to be created a star of the first magnitude to shine among the upper ranks, and be admired by gazing crowds.

**<sup>2</sup> Surely I have composed and quieted myself, like a child weaned by his mother: my soul is like a weaned child** / weaned from what? Self-sufficiency, self-seeking; no, but from creatures and things, not as to their use, but as to dependence on them for contentment. We depend on creatures and they fail us. We enter forbidden paths, and follow after our loves, and when our way is hedged up with thorns, then we say, return to the Lord, my hope is in You. – William Jay, 1769-1853.

It is one thing to be angry with the world, and another thing to be weaned from it. Alter the world, ennoble it, and many proud minds who despises it, will court it. No infant weans itself. The truth is, God must wean us from the world. We won't leave it on our own. God's own right hand must take us from it. Perhaps David protested those of Saul who said, David is an ambitious, who, under pretense of divine position, sought the kingdom, in the pride of his heart. Obviously, his enemies did not know his heart – Matthew Henry, 1662-1714.

**<sup>3</sup> Let Israel / let those ruled by God... hope in the LORD from this time forth and forever.**

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