Stewardship : Going to the House of the LORD

Psalm 122





At the Baptism and Membership services, we vow to be faithful in SERVING GIVING PRAYING ATTENDING

1 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord." **2** Our feet have been standing Within your gates, O Jerusalem! 3 Jerusalem is built As a city that is compact together, 4 Where the tribes go up, The tribes of the Lord, To the Testimony of Israel, To give thanks to the name of the Lord.

5 For thrones are set there for judgment, The thrones of the house of David. **6** Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. **7** Peace be within your walls, Prosperity within your palaces." 8 For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will now say, "Peace be within. you." 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek your good.

## **Psalms of Ascent**

A group of 15 Psalms

Psalms 120-134 (or Psalms 119-133)

For the returnees from the Babylonian Captivity (538 BC) as they return back to Jerusalem .

For pilgrims as they go up to Jerusalem for the 3 major festivals

#### Deuteronomy 16

**16** Three times a year all your men must appear before the Lord your God at the place he will choose: at the Festival of Unleavened Bread (Passover), the Festival of Weeks (Pentecost) and the Festival of Tabernacles. No one should appear before the Lord emptyhanded: **17** Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you.

## The Hills Around Jerusalem



# Pilgrims from every direction will go UP to Jerusalem...

# They will sing the Psalms and see the hill surrounding Jerusalem & the Temple...



## When going up the Judean hills, you need to watch where you are going...



The Psalmist travelled up the mountain of the Lord. The way was dangerous but he trusted in the Lord to take care of him. The Lord is his Deliverer! ...



"He will not let your foot slip— He who watches over you will not slumber ..." Psa 121:3



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### Video clip



## Silent Singing from CHINA CRY

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## ARK OF THE COVENANT/TESTIMONY





Bowl of Manna Aaron's Rod that budded The Tablets of the Law



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