

Psalms 134

1 Behold, **ble**ss ye the **Lord**, all ye servants of the **Lord**, which by night **stand** in the house of the **Lord**.

2 **Lift up your hands** in the sanctuary, and **ble**ss the **Lord**.

3 The **Lord** that made heaven and earth **ble**ss thee out of Zion.

- Song/Prayers - Psalms of Ascent/A Song of degrees
 - Worship
 - With our body - A living sacrifice
 - Romans 12:1- I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
 - With our actions - Our choices reflect what our will has decided
 - Joshua 24:15 - And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord
 - With our resources - Our resources are a reflection of our heart
 - Genesis 4:1-7 - **1**And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. **2** And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. **3** And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. **4** And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: **5** But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. **6** And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? **7** If thou doest well, shalt thou not

be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door.
And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over
him.

- Communing with God
 - John 4:19-24 - **19** The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. **20** Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. **21** Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. **22** Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. **23** But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. **24** God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.
- The Lord - Mentioned 5 times
 - The Servants - The people of God
 - Psalm 135:1 - Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the name of the Lord; praise him, O ye servants of the Lord.
 - Priests, Levites
 - Isaiah 54:17 - No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.
 - Those made righteous through Christ
 - The House of the Lord/The Sanctuary
 - Psalms 23:6 - Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.
 - Psalms 27:4 - One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple.
 - Psalms 92:13 - Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.
 - Heaven and Earth
 - Psalm 24:1- The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. **2** For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.
 - Psalms 115:11-15 - **12** The Lord hath been mindful of us: he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron. **13** He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and

great. **14** The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children. **15** Ye are blessed of the Lord which made heaven and earth. **16** The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

○ Zion - Jerusalem/Heaven

■ Joel 3:14-17 - **13** Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great. **14** Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision. **15** The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. **16** The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel. **17** So shall ye know that I am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

● Bless - Mentioned 3 times

○ Blessing the Lord

■ Standing in the Sanctuary

● Strength; Standing in faith

○ Ephesians 6:10-18 - **10** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. **11** Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. **13** Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. **14** Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; **15** And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; **16** Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. **17** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: **18** Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

- Lifting Hands in the sanctuary
 - Trusting God with our work and ability
 - Psalm 63:4 - Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.
 - 1 Timothy 2:8 - I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.
- The Lord Blessing you
 - The Psalm ends with the Lord blessing ALL his servants
 - Deuteronomy 28:1-14 - **1** And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: **2** And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. **3** Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. **4** Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. **5** Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. **6** Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. **7** The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways. **8** The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. **9** The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways. **10** And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee. **11** And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee. **12** The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. **13** And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the

LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them: **14** And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

- Galatians 3:13-15 - **13** Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: **14** That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.



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your hands in the sanctuary
& bless the LORD!