

MESSAGE OUTLINE



July 4, 2021 - Pastor Mike McClenahan

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A song. A psalm of the Sons of Korah.

- 1 Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise,
in the city of our God,
his holy mountain.
- 2 Beautiful in its loftiness,
the joy of the whole earth,
like the heights of Zaphon is Mount Zion,
the city of the Great King.
- 3 God is in her citadels;
he has shown himself to be her fortress.
- 4 When the kings joined forces,
when they advanced together,
5 they saw her and were astounded;
they fled in terror.
- 6 Trembling seized them there,
pain like that of a woman in labor.
- 7 You destroyed them like ships of Tarshish
shattered by an east wind.
- 8 As we have heard,
so we have seen
in the city of the Lord Almighty,
in the city of our God:
God makes her secure forever.
- 9 Within your temple, O God,
we meditate on your unfailing love.
- 10 Like your name, O God,
your praise reaches to the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with righteousness.
- 11 Mount Zion rejoices,
the villages of Judah are glad
because of your judgments.
- 12 Walk about Zion, go around her,
count her towers,
13 consider well her ramparts,
view her citadels,
that you may tell of them
to the next generation.
- 14 For this God is our God for ever and ever;
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1. Points us to God's greatness.

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All the earth will shout your praise. Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing. Great are you, Lord. —**Great Are You Lord, All Sons and Daughters**

2. Opens our eyes to see God.

As we have heard, so we have seen

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. **Psalm 8:1 (NIV)**

3. Passes on stories of faith from one generation to another.

Walk about Zion, go around her... that you may tell of them to the next generation.

Oh praise the name of the Lord our God. Oh praise his name forevermore. For endless days we will sing your praise. Oh Lord oh Lord our God. —**O Praise the Name (Anástasis), Hillsong Worship**

They gave of their praise to God in that act of worship, but received much more in return; the sights and sounds, the smell and touch, the pilgrim bustle and songs of praise, all contributed to a growth in faith which they would take with them from Jerusalem back to the distant communities and workaday world from which they had come. When one penetrates beyond the words of this ancient psalm to the larger experience of which it was a part, one begins to perceive something of the strength and greatness of worship in ancient Israel.

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