

**Reflection Questions:** What about heaven and eternity most excites me? Why? How have I known God as a *stronghold*? When was the last time I meditated on God's lovingkindness? What does it mean to me? How important to me is being part of a local community of believers? What do I show by my attendance and involvement in my church?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

#### Quotes to Ponder

*So great is the holiness and love of this God that His name and His praise reach the ends of the earth. He is no local God of a little people but is indeed the maker of the heavens and the earth.*

W. Robert Godfrey

*Worship is the proper human response to divine mercies.*

Warren Wiersbe

*Let us remember that a nod alone on the part of God is sufficient to deliver us; and that, although our enemies may be ready to fall upon us on every side to overwhelm us, it is in His power, whenever He pleases, to strike them with amazement of spirit, and thus to make their hearts fail in a moment in the very midst of their efforts against us. Let this reflection serve as a bridle to keep our minds from being drawn away, to look in all directions for human aid.*

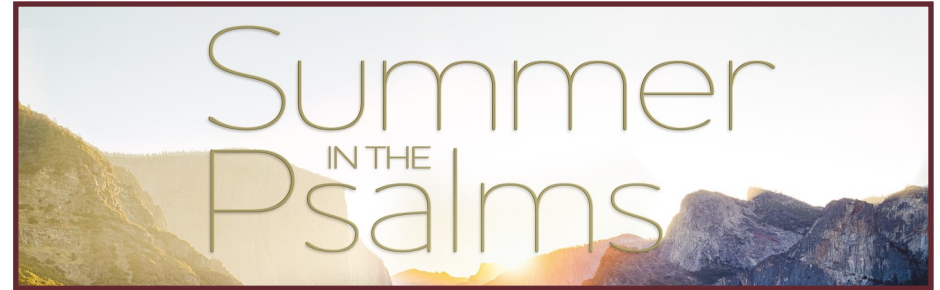
John Calvin

*In these days of dividing walls of race and class we must shake the earth anew with the message of Christ, in whom there is neither bond nor free, Jew nor Greek, Scythian nor Barbarian, but all are one..*

Philip Gibbs

*Zion! The city of our God,  
How glorious is the place!  
The Savior there has His abode,  
And sinners see His face.*

John Newton



Psalm 48

*Sermon*  
*Notes*

August 14, 2022

#### 1. God and His City (1-3)

A. Praise His Greatness

B. Proclaim His Holiness

C. Bring His Joy to All

D. Declare His Power

#### 2. God and His Enemies (4-7)

#### 3. God and His Worship (8-11)

A. His Lovingkindness

B. His Name

C. His Praise

D. His Judgments

#### 4. God and Our Future (12-14)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

87, 122, 132).

2. What does *Psalms 48* teach us about God?

7. What does *Zion* represent in the following verses?

*2 Samuel 5:7* —

*Isaiah 33:20* —

3. What do the following verses teach us about God's greatness?

*Deuteronomy 11:7* —

*Psalms 95:3* —

*Isaiah 2:2-3* —

*Joel 2:32* —

*1 Kings 3:6* —

*Psalms 145:3* —

*Isaiah 33:14* —

*Hebrews 12:22* —

*Nehemiah 9:25* —

*Isaiah 54:7-8* —

8. What do *Psalms 9:11* and *50:1-2* tell us about the importance of *Zion*?

*Psalms 21:5* —

*Jeremiah 10:6* —

9. Read *Galatians 4:21-31* and *Hebrews 12:18-24*. What do you learn of *Zion* from them?

4. What is the theme of *Psalms 48*. What makes *Jerusalem* secure and significant?

10. What city was *Abraham* looking for (*Hebrews 11:8-10; 13:14*)?

5. *Psalms 48:12-13* encourages us to behold the strength of *Zion* and then proclaim this to the next generation. How do we apply these verses to the church today?

11. Why does *Revelation 21:2-4, 9-10* describe God's people as a city? What is it about a city that makes it an appropriate picture for God and His church?

How am I proclaiming the gospel and God's greatness to the next generation?

12. Should the earthly *Jerusalem* be of concern to us as the center of God's redemptive work and care? Why or why not? Use Scripture.

6. Read these *Psalms of Zion* and record what you learn (*Psalms 46, 76, 84,*

13. What are some implications of heaven being called *the new Jerusalem*?