

How are we personally and as a church fulfilling this plan?

Reflection Questions: How should I live in light of my identity in Christ? Where do I find my springs of joy? When was the last time I thanked God for being *born in Zion*? What benefits does Scripture say are mine because of my citizenship in God's city?

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

Quotes to Ponder

Those whom God numbers among His people know that all their joy comes from God, springing, dancing, descending, and ascending like a fountain.

Timothy Keller

In its breadth of view and fullness of messianic hope, this psalm ranks with the grandest of prophetic utterances. Psalm 87 anticipates the day when Gentiles would be incorporated into the New Covenant Israel, the church of Christ.

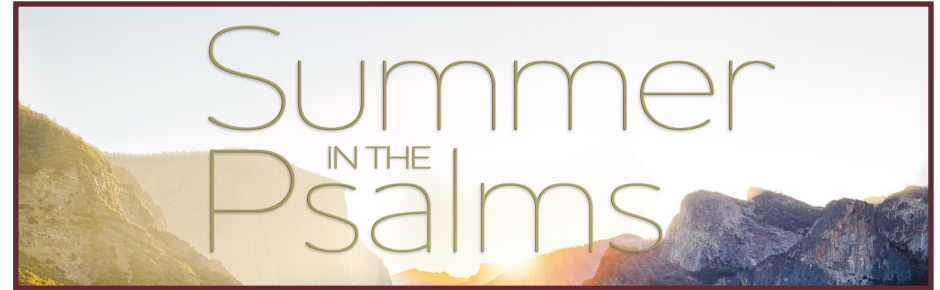
A.F. Kirkpatrick

If I find myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.

C.S. Lewis

It will be an honor to any person to have been born in Zion. But how great is the honor to be born from above, and be a citizen of the Jerusalem that is from above! To be children of God, by faith in Christ Jesus.

Adam Clarke



Psalm 87

Sermon
Notes

August 28, 2022

1. City of God (1-3)

2. City of Nations (4-6)

3. City of Joy (7)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Con- victed you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?
2. What does *Psalm 87* teach us about God?
3. What does it mean that God's *foundation is in the holy mountains (Psalm 87:1)*?
4. Why does God love *the gates of Zion* more than any other place (*Psalm 87:2*)?
5. What *glorious things are spoken of Zion (Psalm 87:3)* in Scripture?
6. Read *Psalm 87:4-6*. *This one was born there* is repeated three times. What is meant by this?

Why is Egypt called *Rahab (Psalm 87:4; Isaiah 51:9-10)*?
7. What do the countries mentioned represent?

What are the benefits of being a natural born citizen of God's king- dom?
8. What is meant by *Psalm 87:7*?
9. What does it mean that we become *new creatures (2 Corinthians 5:17)*?
10. Read *Ephesians 1:4*.
11. What does Peter say our identity is in *1 Peter 2:9-10*? What does each one mean?

According to these verses, what are we here for?
12. Why is *Psalm 87* sometimes considered the greatest missionary psalm? How is the coming of the gentiles a sign of God's redemptive work?
13. What do the following verses tell us about God and His plans?
Psalm 22:27 — *Isaiah 45:22-23* —

Psalm 86:9 — *Micah 4:1-3* —

Psalm 98:2-3 — *Zephaniah 3:9-10* —

Isaiah 2:2-4 — *Zechariah 2:11* —

Isaiah 19:23-25 — *Zechariah 8:20-23* —