

3 PILGRIM SONGS Songs of Ascent 120-134

begin @ home Psalm 120

end @ house of LORD Psalm 134

Relate to us? = We are pilgrim community
traveling to heaven Pilgrim's Progress

① LISTEN TO PSALMS 120 + 121

② LEARN THEIR LESSONS

☰☰ PSALM 120

① LISTEN

☑ Distress ► Prayer to the LORD vs. 1

☑ LORD answers vs. 1

☑ Prayer itself "Deliver me, O LORD,
from lying lips, from a deceitful tongue" vs 2

You experienced?

Destructive power of lying lips Spurgeon
Can't be countered or answered

Start fire that burns reputations, etc.

Can't discover source

Deceitful tongues even worse Spurgeon

"Silence to man and prayer to God are the best cures
for the evil of slander."

☑ What can counter liar/deceiver? vs. 3 Spurgeon

☑ Answer = "A warrior's sharp arrows, with glowing coals of the broom tree." vs. 4 ► the sharp, accurate, flaming arrows of Θ !

☑ Laments that he dwells in Meshech... among tents of Kedar... "among those who hate peace"... who "are for war"

Mean? Heathen... unbelievers are the "bad guys"! No... dividing line of good + evil cuts straight through human $\heartsuit = \heartsuit$ hard in opposition to God + people of God even in pilgrim community! Kidner

② LESSONS

1. There will be pain in the pilgrimage, those of violence whether external to pilgrim community or internal, who use lies + deceit like arrows

How do I trust? Be vulnerable?

2. Call to the LORD, trust in Him for deliverance ➡ 121

Psalm 121

1. LISTEN ... DANGER ON PILGRIMAGE

☑ Lift up eyes to hills E. Peterson = high places, idols ► tempted to trust right?

☑ Help comes from the LORD who made Heaven and earth.

Outside
Voice...
Pilgrims?

☑ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber; Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep ... Keeps/Keeper 6x

☑ Expanding circle of Protection of YOUR KEEPER



How broad, vast, specific, accurate, personal ("your" is singular) holistic and forever is God's Keeping of you?

2. LEARN = You have a KEEPER even to the point of shielding you w. Himself