

November 10th – Going to God’s House

*“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go into the house of the Lord’.”*  
(Psalm 122:1)

Psalm 122 is called a song of ascents. It is one of many psalms that were used by the Jews as they would ascend the temple mount for worship. If you ever get the chance to go to Jerusalem, you will see something amazing on the southern steps of the temple mount. The steps are unusual – for every two short steps there is one long step. That’s so the Jews could pause at every third step and meditate on the Scripture as they prepared their heart for worship.

I’ve often wonder what would happen if Christians prepared their hearts for worship like that. When we think about gathering together with God’s people, do we get excited? David was overjoyed with the thought of worshiping God at the temple! Why should we be just as excited to gather with God’s people at God’s house? For starters, it is our chance to approach God and offer Him “the sacrifice of praise” (Heb. 13:15). The Jews brought animal sacrifices to God – we bring the praise of our lips!

Encouragement is another reason we should be excited to gather with God’s people. The Bible commands us – “Do not forsake the assembling of yourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching” (Heb. 10:25). When we gather with brothers and sisters in Christ, we are rubbing shoulders with people who are fighting the same battles we fight. So the next time someone tells you it’s time for worship, glorify God and go!!