

Glad to Worship

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“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD” – Psalm 122:1

Why was David “*glad*” to worship in the house of the Lord? Because his life was a life full of faith. Public worship is a wonderful place to express one’s faith. A lack of faith results in spiritual weakness, and absence from public worship is one indication of that weakness.

One of the low points in David’s life was when he and his family had to run from Jerusalem for their lives during Absalom’s rebellion (2 Sam. 15). Initially, they tried to carry the Ark of the Covenant with them. But David had second thoughts about it, and so said to Zadok the priest: “*Carry the ark of God back into the city. If I find favor in the eyes of the LORD, He will bring me back and show me both it and His dwelling place*” (2 Sam. 15:25). David’s faith placed full and complete trust in God. Whatever consequences fell upon David through God’s providence, he was willing to accept!

You see, David had committed adultery and then tried to cover it up with murder. God had told David of the terrible consequences that would follow. The rebellion of his own son, Absalom, was part of those *consequences*. David was suffering, in part, because of his own guilty past. Now David had repented of those sins, and God had forgiven him (2 Sam. 12; Ps. 51), but he still had to suffer the *consequences* of his actions for the rest of his life. David was not sure at this point in time if his life would be spared, or if he would die at the hands of the rebels. But he was confident that God would do what was right in the matter. Thus, his life was a life full of faith, and when he fell short and sinned greatly, he turned back with a full heart to the Lord and obeyed.

This was the David who said that he was glad to go worship God in the House of the Lord. Dear reader, if you struggle to worship your God *habitually*, then look at your heart. Are you harboring sin? Are you failing to let the Word of Christ dwell richly in your heart? Is your faith in a perfect God less trusting than it should be? Something is amiss; find it and make it right.

Those who love the Lord have no trouble going to worship!

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