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To all members of the St James Traditional Services

A Weekly Word of Encouragement: Come, bless the Lord

Psalm 134 “Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord who stand by night in the house of the Lord. Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth.”

This is the final song of ascent (Psalms 120-134) – songs pilgrims sang on their journey to Jerusalem; a song of arriving at your desired goal: Mt Zion, God’s temple, God Himself. The keynote is struck three times: bless.

The pilgrim who travels the road of faith experiences God’s grace in all situations (Fair weather or foul; smooth paths or rough terrain).

God blesses us: He shares Himself generously and graciously; relates to us, pours out His life for us, puts His Spirit in us; gives us Himself – that’s blessing!

So the invitation is to join in praise, “Come bless the Lord.”

This is the purpose for which we were created and redeemed: to glorify and enjoy God. The journey’s end is the gathering of God’s people at His temple on Mt Zion. Here all blessing is found: the place of sacrifice for sin (Jesus died for me); the heavenly gathering for all eternity (Hebrews 12:22); the place of God’s presence. Psalm 134 speaks of blessing at the end of the journey, but remember: while we are on the journey we experience blessing. (This week marks the anniversary of my own conversion – how blessed I am!)

Delight in what God is doing now, as we look forward to the full delight in seeing Him. We don’t have to wait until we get to the end of the road before we enjoy what is at the end of the road – enjoy God now. “Come, bless the Lord...the Lord bless you.”

Prayer

Lord, I am looking forward to the end of the journey of faith, gathering with all Your people to see you face to face. As I journey today, make me constantly aware of how blessed I am, and to enjoy You now. Please give me a moment-by-moment experience of your presence. Amen.

Remember

- keep praying daily
- keep reading God's Word
- keep in touch with one another, and remember if any would like me to bring Holy Communion to you at home, I am only a phone call away: 0438 455 493.

With Christian love,
Robert