



THE PSALMS



Psalm 122:1

1 I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

Psalm 122:2

2 And now here we are, standing inside
your gates, O Jerusalem.

“Do not neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:25)

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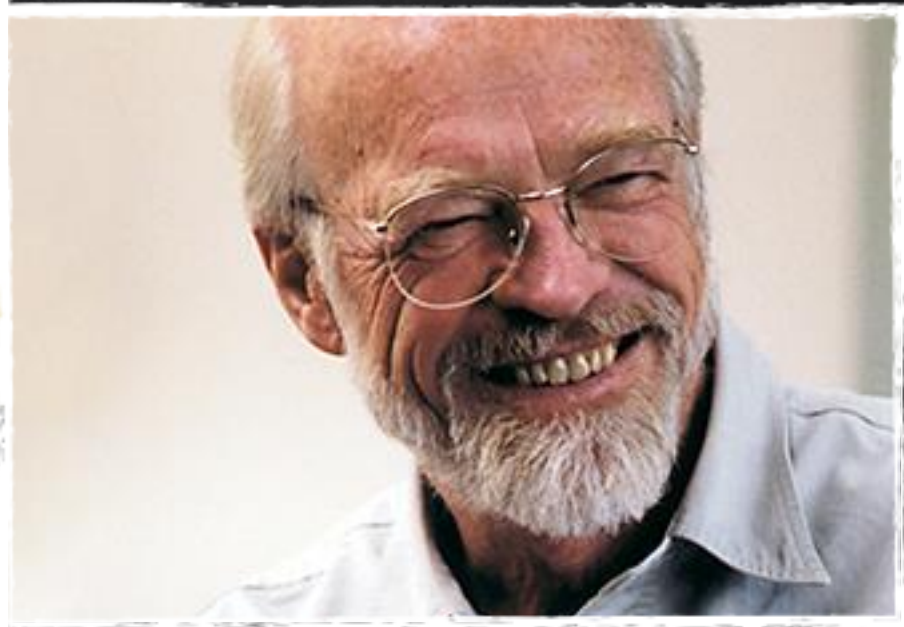


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Worship gives us a workable
structure for life.

Psalm 122:3-4a

3 Jerusalem is a well-built city; its
seamless walls cannot be breached. 4 All
the tribes of Israel—the LORD's people—
make their pilgrimage here...

“In Jerusalem, all the scattered fragments of experience, all the bits and pieces of truth and feeling and perception were put together in a single whole.”

(Eugene Peterson)

Worship nurtures our need to be in
relationship with God.

Psalm 122:4

4 All the tribes of Israel—the LORD's people—make their pilgrimage here. They come to give thanks to the name of the LORD—this is what it means to be Israel.

“We act ourselves into a new way of feeling much quicker than we can feel ourselves into a new way of acting. Worship is an act that develops feelings for God, not a feeling for God that is expressed in an act of worship.”

(Eugene Peterson)

Worship centers our attention on the
decisions of God.

Psalm 122:5

5 Here stand the thrones where judgment is given, the thrones of the dynasty of David.

“Every time we worship our minds are informed, our memories are refreshed with the judgments of God, we are familiarized with what God says, what he has decided, the ways he is working out our salvation.”

(Eugene Peterson)

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Psalm 122:6-9

6 Pray for peace in Jerusalem. May all who love this city prosper. 7 O Jerusalem, may there be peace within your walls and prosperity in your palaces. 8 For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, "May you have peace." 9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek what is best for you, O Jerusalem.