

Psalm 134

"Reciprocal Benedictory Festival Blessings"

(A Song of Ascents.)¹

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A1 A CALL FROM DEPARTING WORSHIPERS FOR NIGHT-WATCH PRIESTS AND LEVITES TO BLESS YAHWEH 134:1-2

B1 The Call to All Servants to Bless: *{1}* Behold, bless the LORD, all servants of the LORD,

B2 The Specificity of Servants: Who serve by night in the house of the LORD!

B3 The Mode of Blessing

C1 *{2}* Lift up your hands to the sanctuary

C2 And bless the LORD.

A2 THE RECIPROCAL CALL FROM NIGHT-WATCH PRIESTS AND LEVITES FOR YAHWEH TO BLESS THE DEPARTING WORSHIPERS 134:3

B1 **The Origin of Yahweh's Blessing:** *{3}* May the LORD bless you from Zion,

B2 **The Sovereign Power of the Blessor:** He who made heaven and earth.

¹ Song of Ascents: See note on Psalm 120 for discussion. This psalm constitutes a fitting benediction to the Songs of Ascents (120-134). The setting for this delightful hymn is evening, and the departing worshipers hail the priests and Levites standing in the house of Yahweh to bless Him throughout the night. In turn, the gathered priests and Levites offer a farewell blessing upon the departing worshipers that Yahweh, the Creator of both heavens and earth, might bless them from Zion, the earthly home in which He condescends to dwell. It is a fond, worshipful, benedictory farewell.

Expanded Analysis of Psalm 134

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