**Psalm 131**

**Introduction:**

This is one of the shortest of psalms. It is very inspiring and very touching! It is an expression of what a childlike faith in God really is, the spirit Jesus tells about in Matthew 18:3. “and said, Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.” NKJV

**Body:**

1. **Is Humble** (Verse 1) “Lord, my heart is not haughty, Nor my eyes lofty. Neither do I concern myself with great matters, Nor with things too profound for me.” NKJV
* You must empty your heart of all pride. (Proverbs 30:12-13) “There is a generation that is pure in its own eyes, Yet is not washed from its filthiness. There is a generation – oh, how lofty are their eyes! And their eyelids are lifted up.” NKJV (Psalm 18:27) “For You will save the humble people, But will bring down haughty looks.” NKJV Arrogance and conceit must be removed in order to lead to self righteousness. Instead of trusting in God, they trust in themselves. (Luke 18:9-14) One does not seek elevated places to satisfy self-esteem or does not chase stardom. (Romans 12:16) “Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.” NKJV
* The one who trusts in God sets his eyes on things above. (Colossians 3:1-2) “If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.” NKJV One is not overly concerned with acquiring wealth, but trusts in God to supply his needs. (Matthew 6:33) “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” NKJV Do not be concerned with worldly glory; do not be boastful of the past.
1. **Is at Peace** (Verse 2) “Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, Like a weaned child with his mother; Like a weaned child is my soul within me.” NKJV
* “Behaved” – KJV “Calmed” – NKJV Calmed meant leveled as one would level a field. There is no internal strife or turmoil. As a small child is at peace when by its mother, so is a child of God when with his Father. A childlike spirit must keep our minds focused on Jehovah. (Isaiah 26:1-6)
* Jesus is our peace. (John 16:33) “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” NKJV
* Tranquil (Psalm 107:28-30) “Then they cry out to the Lord in their trouble, And He brings them out of their distresses. He calms the storm, So that its waves are still. Then they are glad because they are quiet; So He guides them to their desired haven.” NKJV
* Be weaned from worldly desires; have no fretting about worldly things.
1. **Is Filled with Hope** (Verse 3) “O Israel, hope in the Lord From this time forth and forever.” NKJV
* The one who trusts in the Lord is forever hopeful because of God’s mercy. (Psalm 130:7-8) “O Israel hope in the Lord; For with the Lord there is mercy, And with Him is abundant redemption. And He shall redeem Israel From all his iniquities.” NKJV
* For us today, Christ is our hope. (I Peter 1:3-4) “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,” NKJV

**Invitation:**

Trust is a key to that inheritance. Trust God and His promises.

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