

- (3) The establishment is twofold: of the city itself and of those who dwell there.
- (4) The Psalm itself is a curious one. It might seem almost meaningless until one realizes that it describes the joyous birthright of those who are born of God. In this setting we move spiritually to apply what this city knew of those who were born in it and what they knew of the privilege of their birth.

2. Our Message: Those born in the family of God are:

- a. Born in the right place, v. 5
- b. Born victorious, v. 4
- c. Born for eternal remembrance.

3. Some Observations: What does it mean to be "born in Zion"?

- a. The Psalmist is thankful not chiefly for the place but for the blessing put upon it. He is part of that blessing. God made a choice and he is brought to it. It is a blessing of such emphatic sort that He cannot help but exult in it. It means that he views himself as "born for the blessing" and he is mighty glad.
- b. In our time "born in Zion" relates not to a place but again to a spiritual station. It refers to birth under the blessing of God--not a physical birth but a spiritual birth after the pattern of John 3. The joy that comes of being "born of God" is indescribably real. It comes from appreciation of His grace and blessing.
- c. It is good therefore to simply set back at times and thank God for the joy of this new birth. Contemplation on the place and setting of this birth is a great release for our cares and living circumstances. One can praise God almost endlessly for being "born in Zion".

4. The practical lessons:

- a. Rejoice in the concept of the new birth!
- b. Witness to those about you to your circumstances in new life.
- c. Look for the triumph that is endlessly yours in His presence.

5. Conclusion

When was the last time, when for no particular reason, you simply cried out to God and thanked Him for the new birth, the joys of redemption and the privileges of calling Him Father?