

## PSALM 131

*Childlike Trust in the LORD.*

### INTRODUCTION.

- A. From Roy H. Enoch (12-11-96).
- B. A Song of Ascents. Of David. "Finding, Buying the Pearl of Great Price."
- C. This 12th of the Psalms of Ascents is ascribed to David. Kidner writes that, "This psalm awakens memories of David's early modesty, simplicity and lack of rancor, the same being among the qualities that made him great." It is sad that he outgrew that beautiful innocent spirit later in life.

### THE TEXT.

**131:1** O LORD, my heart is not proud, nor my eyes haughty;  
Nor do I involve myself in great matters,  
Or in things too difficult for me.  
**2** Surely I have composed and quieted my soul;  
Like a weaned child *rests* against his mother,  
My soul is like a weaned child within me.  
**3** O Israel, hope in the LORD  
From this time forth and forever.

### COMMENTS.

**[v1]** "...my heart is not haughty, nor my eyes lofty." God hates a proud, haughty heart and arrogant look (see Prov. 6:16-19).

"Neither do I concern myself with great matters..." David's mind was not on high ambitions and even when Saul offered his daughter to David, he did not think he could even be the son-in-law of the king (1Sam. 18:18). We are still admonished to be modest in our ambitions (Rom. 12:16).

**[v2]** "Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother..." The keys to peace and contentment is to keep our wishes under control and the key to the feeling of security is to focus on the Lord who is able to protect and provide for us (Mt. 18:3-5).

**[v3]** "O Israel, hope in the Lord..." Hope is both the desire of receiving a blessing, but the expectation of getting it. We should set our heart on desiring spiritual blessings rather than material things, and trust that the Lord will provide them.