

Table Group

Week of June 28, 2021

Psalm 48

¹ Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God.
His holy mountain, ²beautiful in elevation,
is the joy of all the earth,
Mount Zion, in the far north,
the city of the great King.
³ Within its citadels God
has shown himself a sure defense.
⁴ Then the kings assembled,
they came on together.
⁵ As soon as they saw it, they were
astounded;
they were in panic, they took to flight;
⁶ trembling took hold of them there,
pains as of a woman in labor,
⁷ as when an east wind shatters
the ships of Tarshish.
⁸ As we have heard, so have we seen
in the city of the Lord of hosts,
in the city of our God,

which God establishes for ever.
Selah

⁹ We ponder your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.
¹⁰ Your name, O God, like your praise,
reaches to the ends of the earth.
Your right hand is filled with victory.
¹¹ Let Mount Zion be glad,
let the towns of Judah rejoice
because of your judgements.
¹² Walk about Zion, go all around it,
count its towers,
¹³ consider well its ramparts;
go through its citadels,
that you may tell the next generation
¹⁴ that this is God,
our God for ever and ever.
He will be our guide for ever.

There are cities with more natural resources and greater beauty but Zion is the only city of the great King. People experienced great joy just by being in the city of God. Today, we believe that God is in all places and does not reside in only one city. However, many of us feel closer to God in certain locations over others. Where do you feel closest to the Divine? What contributes to your sense of God's presence in that place?

Ponder these questions and share as you are comfortable:

- *What known sins have you committed since our last meeting?*
- *What temptations have you met with?*
- *How were you delivered?*
- *What have you thought, said, or done, of which you doubt whether it be sin or not?*
- *Have you nothing you desire to keep secret?*