

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 Blesser:** He who made heaven and earth.

Expanded Analysis of Psalm 134
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¹ Psalm 134 Superscription: 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.