

July 6th Daily Devotional:

What words or phrases stand out for you in today's Psalm?

For me, it is "We ponder your steadfast love, O God..."

I've always loved that word, ponder. There is a rhythm to pondering, a kind of poetry and stillness. I'm going to take a few moments out in nature to ponder just now. Let's ponder together the gift of God's steadfast love.

Psalm 48

1 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God.

His holy mountain, 2 beautiful 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 forever. 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[a] of Judah rejoice
because of your judgments.

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 forever and ever.
He will be our guide forever.

