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Nor my eyes lofty.
Neither do I concern myself with great matters,
Nor with things too profound for me.

²Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul,
Like a weaned child with his mother;
Like a weaned child *is* my soul within me.

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From this time forth and forever.

Psalm 131:1-3

RETURNING TO FUNDAMENTALS

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Psalm 131:1

1. The heart and the eyes

- a) The heart must be cleansed from haughtiness
- b) The eyes must never despise others

2. True humility

- a) Great matters
- b) Things that are beyond human comprehension
- c) They are accepted as "things too profound"

IMAGERY OF A WEANED CHILD

² Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul,
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Psalm 131:2-3

1. A weaned child

- a) A weaned child with his mother
- b) The soul is compared to a weaned child
- c) Features to note:
 - i) Calmness
 - ii) Quietness
 - iii) Not fretful or anxious

2. True Hope in God

- a) To return to Hope in God
- b) Content of this Hope
(The Songs of Ascents)
- c) To Trust the Lord forevermore

REMEMBERING THE TEACHING OF THE LORD JESUS

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

²Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them,

³and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.

Matthew 18:1-5

1. The fight to be "the greatest in the kingdom of heaven"

Sadly a common and grim reality

2. The Lord's firm teaching

- a) Unless you are converted
- b) And become as little children
- c) You will by no means enter into the kingdom of heaven

3. Humbling of self

- a) Humbling of self as a little child
- b) This person is "the greatest in the kingdom of heaven"
- c) Receiving a little child in the Lord's name is receiving Him!