

**Sermon Notes**

**Providence Community Church**

5-10-15 Ken Carlton

**Title:** SCRIPTURAL SOCIAL STUDIES

**Main Text:** Psalm 48

**Sermon Description:** Since the 1920's, 'social studies', as a formal branch of education, has concerned itself with the relationships and function of society, subsuming the study of history, government, economics, civics, sociology, geography, and anthropology. Psalm 48 proves to us from the genius of scripture that this is nothing innovative as modern man might claim. The Bible offers us an introductory course in true social studies from the birds eye view of God's self-exalting providence in Ps 48. Here we have poetically and symbolically set forth, the didactic and doxological (teaching & worship) value of the copy and shadow (Heb 8:5) of Old Testament social and liturgical order. Ps 48 is a celebration of the architect and architecture of covenant history. The city-state, temple worship, and ethnic distinctives of ancient Israel serve as effective and vibrant metaphors for their fulfillment and counterpart through Jesus Christ – who is the Word in flesh, gloriously tabernacling with His church. We, as His church, are the living stones of the New Covenant household of God. (I Peter 2:4-10)

**Heading: FOUR DIVISIONS OF PSALM 48...**

**1. DECLARATION – Symbolic geography and poetry** (Ps 48:1-3)

- a. Symmetrical parallels
- b. Tale of 2 mountains
- c. Juxtaposed to Babel

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**2. SUBORDINATION – A philosophy of history** (Ps 48:4-8)

- a. Powers (Is 14:13)
- b. Prosperity
- c. Population (Heb 11:8-10)

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**3. MEDITATION – Covenant realities** (Ps 48:9-11)

- a. Relationship
- b. Renown
- c. Righteousness
- d. Reckoning

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**4. EDUCATION – Generational legacy and succession** (Ps 48:12-14)

- a. Comprehension
- b. Communication
- c. Continuation

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**Close:** The type and shadows of scripture paired with the form and substance provide for us, an eye-opening study of the covenantal continuity of the Bible. The book of Hebrews sets forth a redemptive/historical hermeneutic that places Christ in bold relief on the backdrop of Ps 48 and the Old Covenant (Heb 9:23-28).

**FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Overview	Declaration	Subordination	Meditation	Education	Fulfillment
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Ps 48	48:1-3	48:4-8	48:9-11	48:12-14	Heb 9:23-25

**FURTHER STUDY:** see 'Excerpts' posted weekly at providencecrosslake.com for a historical essay etc.

**NEXT WEEK:** Mat 19:13-26