

PSALM 127 2024 – *Laboring and Prospering with the LORD!*

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"CORNERSTONE" (MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS) Hillsong (3:28)

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly trust in Jesus' name (2X)

Christ alone; cornerstone Weak made strong in the Savior's love. Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all!

When Darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.

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Songs of Ascents:

Psa 120:1 In my distress I cried to the LORD, And He heard me.

Psa 121:1 I will lift up my eyes to the hills—From whence comes my help? [2] My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.

Psa 122:1 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD."

Psa 123:1 Unto You I lift up my eyes, O You who dwell in the heavens. [2] Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, So our eyes look to the LORD our God, Until He has mercy on us.

Psa 124:1 "If it had not been the LORD who was on our side," Let Israel now say—

Psa 125:1 Those who trust in the LORD Are like Mount Zion, Which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

Psa 126:1 When the LORD brought back the captivity of Zion, We were like those who dream.

Psa 127:1 Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it.

PSALM 127 – Apart from the LORD, nothing in life can be what it is intended to be!

Vs. 1 - Establishing a home; guarding a city;

Vs. 2 - Our occupation, whether we rise up early or stay up late for;

Vs. 3-5 – The raising of children! How God views children; Their God-intended potential;

What is required of parents in order for children reach God's potential;

God's blessing on His people as their one great necessity and privilege is here spoken of. We are here taught that builders of houses and cities, systems and fortunes, empires, and churches all labor in vain without the LORD. But under the divine favor they enjoy perfect rest. Sons, who are in the Hebrew call "builders," are set forth as building up families under the same divine blessing, to the great honor and happiness of their parents. It is the Builder's Psalm. Every house is built by some man, but He that built all things is God. And to God be praise!

Psa 127:1 A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon. Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.

- But "*Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it!*." How important that is! Oh, that we would learn that. A universal dependence on God! Depending entirely upon Him!
- *Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.* Unless the Lord keeps your house, all the burglar alarms and everything else are not going to work. You better not trust in them. Trust in the Lord to keep the house. To keep the city. Now the watchman going on the walls, watching for the enemy. It was a duty that they had. Men who all night long would walk on the walls of Jerusalem to

watch out for enemies. But he is saying, “If the Lord doesn’t guard us, the watchmen stays awake in vain.” He is not going to protect the city, the Lord is the One. We must realize the Lord is the One. It is not saying do not take precautions, but it is just saying, Do not trust in the precautions that you’ve taken. Trust in the Lord to take care of you! Do your best! Commit the rest!

Psa 127:2 It is vain (useless, destructive) for you to rise up early, To sit up late, To eat the bread of sorrows (toiling, care); For so He gives His beloved sleep. (LORD, You take care of it!)

- ***It is vain for you*** to wake up and just worry about things. How many people spend restless nights as they are worried about pressures of life, the bills, the things that are happening? Maybe a lawsuit against you and you wake up and your mind starts going over things. You just sit there, lie there and your mind just going over all these things and you cannot go back to sleep. You just think, Woe is me, woe is me, “eating the *bread of sorrows*.” That is vain, the Scripture says.
- ***For so He gives His beloved sleep.*** If you are trusting in the Lord to keep you, and when those nagging thoughts come to you in the middle of the night and you are awakened and your mind begins to turn to these problems and to these difficulties and all, it is good to just say, Lord, You take care of it! You take care of it. Because it is vain for you to worry about it. It’s not going to do any good. All of your anxious thoughts are worthless. If the Lord does not take care of it, man, you are in big trouble! It is vain to sit up late, to get up early, to eat the bread of sorrows because *He gives His beloved sleep*. The Scripture does emphasize that the strength of a nation is in the family. The family unit that God created. Families are of God. God created the family and that family unit.

Psa 127:3 Behold, children are a heritage (inheritance -transfer of wealth) from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is (His, or yours?) a reward.

- In that culture it was considered absolute blessing to have a child, especially if it was a boy. When a girl was pregnant and when she would go into labor, they would all come to the house, and they would bring all of the refreshments and the band and everything else. They are going to have a baby and they are going to have a big celebration, party, because she is going to have a baby. If it was a boy, the party was on. The band was playing. They were dancing and taking the refreshments. If it was a girl, they just go home. Foolish culture. The children are God’s *reward*.

Psa 127:4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior (mighty man), So are the children of one's youth.

- That is, in your old age, have a bunch of sons, they will protect you. They’re a better protection than a quiver of arrows.

Psa 127:5 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak (as opposed to conflict) with their enemies in the gate.

- The gate of the city was a place where disputes were settled. Judgment went forth at the gates of the city. It was the city court kind of a thing and disputes were settled. Here’s a guy that has twelve big, strapping sons. And you are brought in judgment and there is a dispute at the gate. You stand there and here are these big bruisers standing next to you. You’re getting old and feeble, but you got these big bruisers standing with you, your sons, there is much protection as a quiver full of arrows. “As arrows in the hand of a mighty man; so are the children of your youth. For *happy is the man who has his quiver full of them*. *They shall not be ashamed* when you stand in the gate and have dispute with your enemy. My sons will take care of you, man, if you do not behave yourself.

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