



Psalm 126

1 A Song of degrees. When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.

3 The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.

4 Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south.

5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. 6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Outline:

- A. Rejoicing (vv.1-2)
- B. Thanksgiving (v.3)
- C. Praying (v.4)
- D. Sowing & Reaping (v.5-6)

Observations:

1. This song celebrates a return from captivity (perhaps, the Babylonian Captivity).
2. The prayer is for God to perfect His works.

Lesson: Weeping must not hinder Sowing.

Psalm 127

1 A Song of degrees for Solomon. Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. 2 It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

3 Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. 4 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. 5 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

Outline:

- A. Blessing and Futility of House-Building (vv.1-2)
- B. The Blessing of a Happy Home (vv.3-5)

Observations:

1. Unless the LORD bless, there can be no blessings nor protection for the home.

2. Good children are God's gifts and happy are those who have them.

Lesson: God has a plan to make every home a happy home.

Psalm 128

1 A Song of degrees. Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways. 2 For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. 3 Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table. 4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.

5 The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. 6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.

Outline:

- A. God blesses the Home of those who fear the LORD (vv.1-4)
- B. Additional benediction (vv.5-6).

Observations:

1. The man who fears God is blessed personally – his work, his wife, his children.
2. Even a Nation is blessed because of those who fear the LORD.

Lesson: When our house is blessed, we can be a blessing to God's house and to the Nation, and to the World.