

#3 Celebrating the Work and Blessing of God!

Psalm 126, 127, 128

Psalm 126:1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. ²Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.” ³The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad. ⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb! ⁵Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! ⁶He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

Psalm 127:1 Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. ²It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep. ³Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. ⁴Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one’s youth. ⁵Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

Psalm 128:1 Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways! ²You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you. ³Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. ⁴Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD. ⁵The LORD bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life! ⁶May you see your children’s children! Peace be upon Israel!

Psalm 126 - Joyful Astonishment At God’s Great Work Of RESTORING

Two Images of Restoration:

- A. Streams suddenly appearing in the desert, transforming it into a flowering field almost overnight – v.4
- B. A hard-working farmer reaping the fruits of his labor after a long and difficult process – v.5

Psalm 127 - Strong Conviction Regarding The Futility Of Working And Parenting Apart From RELIANCE Upon God

Do what you know to do and let God take care of the results
– Pastor Claude

- A. Children were a heritage and reward from God
- B. Children were like arrows in a warrior’s hand
- C. Being enabled to have lots of kids was a blessing from God
- D. Having many children was an honor that even your enemies would have to acknowledge.

Psalm 128 - Confident Expectation That God Will Work To BLESS All Those Who Fear Him

IN JESUS WE ARE INDEED BLESSED OUT OF ZION!

TIME TO PRAY!

What burden do you have for your family?

What work of Restoration and Renewal would you like to see God do in your family?