

Psalm 127 ~ THE BUILDER'S PSALM



“Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman keeps awake in vain.² It is vain for you to rise up early, to retire late, to eat the bread of painful labors; for He gives to His beloved even in his sleep.³ Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward.⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one’s youth.⁵ How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them; They will not be ashamed.”

Matthew Henry’s commentary refers to this Psalm as a *Family Psalm* that King David wrote for his son Solomon, also named, “Beloved of the Lord” (Jedidiah). David directs him to rely on God, depending upon His power and care in all matters; in building his own family, building the Temple, protecting and in governing a city. Spurgeon refers to this same Psalm as THE BUILDER’S PSALM noting that in the Hebrew culture sons were called “builders” as they built up families under the divine blessing of their father.

Suggested Prayer Focus:

The Latin motto for this Psalm is, “*Nisi Dominus Frusta*” meaning, “Without the Lord, Frustration.” In the “building” and “keeping” aspects of your life, are there areas you feel like “you labour in vain,” despite all your efforts? In the first two uses of the word, “vain,” the Psalmist connects it with, “**Unless the Lord...**” This Psalm lovingly counsels us like a father’s prayer and blessing for his son; to place our trust in God, and to acknowledge apart from Him we can do nothing. Read and pray into John 15:1-5; for yourself, the “Journey to Herrnhut” and for Israel. Proclaim and give thanks that it is the Lord who gives the victory. Deut. 20:4. 2 Cor. 2:14, Ps 60:11-12

Children are an inheritance from the Lord. Make known to them (natural and spiritual children) God’s love and faithfulness (Psalm 89”1-2). Pray for them, God’s saving grace, His presence, and like Joseph the Lord would be with them and cause their lives to prosper; living in their true identity, calling and destiny. (Gen 39:2

Prayer: Abba Father as your sons and daughters, we thank you for the blessing of being known by you, loved, and blessed. You give us victory that overcomes the world –our faith. (1 John 5:4) Rise up O Spirit of God within us and this generation. Rise Up. Remove the obstacles from our lives and Build us into a holy habitation for You and Your glory.

This is what the Lord says; Isaiah 59:20 “This is my covenant with you, My Spirit, who is on you, will not depart from you, and my words that I have put into your mouth will always be on your lips, on the lips of your children and on the lips of their descendants...”