

Psalm 127
The Blessing Of The Lord

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Psalm 127

- David's son, Solomon is the author with unknown date.
- Solomon sought wisdom (1 Kings 3) & it was given.
 - Still made unwise choices (1 Kings 3:1-3). Marriage & worship.
 - Wise choices (1 Kings 3:16-28). Israel recognized his wisdom.
 - God provided Him wisdom and resources.
 - Solomon strayed (1 Kings 11) leading to a divided kingdom.
- Major theme is that God is sovereign:
 - Everyday life (127:1-2)
 - Family life (127:3-5)
- God is to be recognized and acknowledged.

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Psalm 127:1-2

- God's sovereignty in everyday life is seen in 3 realms:
 - Building a house (*don't ask God to bless it after **YOU** build*).
 - Protecting a city (*security – protecting a city*).
 - Earning a living (*hard work independent of God is futile*).
- In all 3 instances, the sovereign intention of God is far more crucial to the outcome than man's efforts alone.
- Otherwise, a man's endeavor is in vain (Eccl. 1:2; 12:8).
- If you do things God's way in God's timing, He provides rest to the hard worker serving the Lord.

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Psalm 127:3-4

- Food generally came from hard work in the ANE, offspring came from God (Dt 7:14).
- Sons (children) are a gift (inheritance) from God.
- Social Security of the ANE.
- A soldier of that day required arrows to survive, so a family needs offspring in Israel to survive (inheritance).
 - Endured everything stayed within the family lineage.
 - Israel supported strong individual families in community.
- Husband/wife involvement; conception, teaching, etc.

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Psalm 127:5

- There is modern propaganda against large families; God pronounces a blessing on such a family (**context**).
 - This assumes that they are believing children; members of the household of faith.
 - Otherwise, they could be an enormous headache and a heartache rather than a blessing.
 - Armies would meet at the city gate and a man's faithful sons (under God's sovereignty) would defend that city.
- God is sovereign and humans are responsible.*

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Psalm 127:1-5

- The futility of life (apart from God) and the blessing of God are two contrastive themes in this wisdom psalm.
- There is an anxiety of life without God but the one who follows after God is encouraged.
- This psalm urges the wise to be more God-centered, but Israel was frequently disobedient.
- It is too easy to busy ourselves out of God's will/plans.
- This psalm emphasizes God's blessing on all human efforts - where He comes 1st.

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