

THE HOUSE God Builds



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WRITTEN BY
KING SOLOMON

- WISEST MAN
- GREAT BUILDER
- TEMPLE
- PALACE
- CITIES



A FATHER'S DAY MESSAGE PSALM 127:1-5

Psalm 127 is a **PSALM OF ASCENT** - songs sung on the journey to the Temple.



"A song that never ends, it goes on and on my friend!"
(or...)
"99 bottles of communion juice on the wall!"



PSALM 127:1-5 (NIV)

- 1 Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.
- 2 In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat - for he grants sleep to those he loves.
- 3 Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him.
- 4 Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth.
- 5 Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court.

1 GOD BUILDS THE FAMILY

v.1a "Unless the Lord builds the house..."

- GOD'S HOUSE (TEMPLE)
- YOUR HOUSE (FAMILY)
- HIS DESIGN. HIS BLUEPRINT.
- OUR JOB: FOLLOW HIS PLAN

2 GOD DEFENDS THE FAMILY

v.1b "Unless the Lord watches over the city..."



BUILT ON THE ROCK!

"I'll build my church on this ROCK!"

Matthew 16:18



JESUS IS THE ROCK:

- ✓ THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD
- ✓ THE ONLY ONE WHO BRINGS SALVATION, FORGIVENESS & FREEDOM!

3 PRAYERS OVER OUR HOME

- 1 STRENGTHEN MY MARRIAGE
- 2 SOFTEN MY CHILDREN'S HEARTS
- 3 MAKE ME SENSITIVE TO SPIRITUAL WARFARE

3 GOD BLESSES THE FAMILY

v.3 "Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him."



CHILDREN ARE:

- ♥ A BLESSING NOT A BURDEN
- ♥ A REWARD FROM GOD!

v.2a "In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat..."



ALL OUR HUSTLE = ANXIETY + HARD WORK

v.2b "...for he grants sleep to those he loves."



CONTROL IS AN ILLUSION. SURRENDER. TRUST. REST.

"Matthew 11:28
"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you REST."

4 LIKE ARROWS IN THE HAND OF A WARRIOR

vv.4-5



TAKE AIM! → AIM OUR CHILDREN AT CHRIST! LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES.



TENSION! → THERE WILL BE CHALLENGES & BATTLES. KEEP FIGHTING FOR THEM!



RELEASE! → DON'T KEEP ARROWS - RELEASE THEM WELL & WATCH THEM SOAR!



SUCCESS IN THE KINGDOM MAY NOT BE DEFINED BY WHAT YOU DO, BUT BY WHO YOU RAISE!

SO, WHAT DOES THE HOUSE THAT GOD BUILDS LOOK LIKE?

1 THE FOUNDATION IS JESUS



Matthew 7
Build your life on the Rock. Storms will come, but your house will stand!

2 TRUSTS GOD'S PROVISION

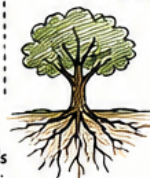


Don't rely on your own strength. Trust His Provision & Protection!

Philippians 4:19

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."

3 LEAVES A LASTING LEGACY



Not measured by possessions, but by the people we influence.

CLOSING THOUGHT

Don't ever stop fighting for your children - even if they are adults with kids of their own!

It's never too late to allow God to **BUILD YOUR HOUSE!**

Where the ideal, picture perfect life isn't realized...

grace abounds!