



PSALMS OF ASCENT

Journey To The New Jerusalem

Adult Bible Fellowship taught by Chris Wittlinger

Sundays in March & April | 9:00AM

Psalm 127 *Unless the LORD Builds the House*

- 2 Metaphors – house and family
- Is Solomon talking about a physical building?
- How does the LORD build the house?
- How do we labor (both in building and in watching) and let the Lord do the work?



Psalm 127 *Unless the LORD Builds the House*

- It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil
- What's the difference between anxious toil and labor?
- ...for he gives his beloved sleep



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“The sovereignty of God is the pillow upon which the Christian rests his head at night.”

- Charles Haddon Spurgeon



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- Receiving rest as a gift from God is belief in his sovereignty
- Exodus 16.29-30
- Toiling in gospel work
 - Col. 1.28-29



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- Verse 3-5 seem to take us in a totally different direction
- “Children confirm real advantage on a person in the battle of life.”
- What about unmarried people, or widows, or people who are unable to have children? Are they without this blessing?



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“But here’s the beautiful, good news: when you rely and rest on the Lord, He will grow and flourish your family. This blessing is for you, dear reader. Singleness is no hindrance. Infertility is no barrier. Faith in God will bring you into a community, a family that cannot be numbered; we call it the church...



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...Children are a blessing from the Lord, and one we all receive when we enter into a covenant community. This blessing hasn't begun with us, nor will it end with us, but we do have the great privilege and pleasure of supporting and cultivating it while we are a part of it here on earth...



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...You are given a family to care for, just as one day they will care for you, defend you, seek justice for you, love you, even as you grow old and weak. ***Without Christ, your home will be empty, no matter how full it seems to be. And with Christ, your home will be full, no matter how empty it might appear.***”



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- More than wisdom for building houses and families
- 2 things that are needed to build a kingdom
 - A place
 - A people

Don't make it your aim to advance or build the kingdom – then you will labor in vain. But trust in God and what he is doing to build his Kingdom, then you will be able to both labor and rest in a way that glorifies him.

