

# Psalm 127 - Psalm of Ascent: The Vanity of Building Without God

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[A Song of degrees for Solomon]

### God's Blessing in the Family

1 Unless the LORD builds a house, They who build it labor in vain; Unless the LORD guards a city, The watchman stays awake in vain.

1 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.

1 Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor uselessly. Unless the LORD guards the city, its security forces keep watch uselessly.

1 Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

2 It is futile for you to rise up early, To stay up late, To eat the bread of painful labor; This is how He gives to His beloved sleep.

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.

2 It is useless to get up early and to stay up late, eating the food of exhausting labor— truly he gives sleep to those he loves.

2 It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

3 Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward.

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3 Children are a gift from the LORD; a productive womb, the LORD's reward.

3 Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth.

4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth.

4 As arrows in the hand of a warrior, so also are children born during one's youth.

4 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.

5 Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them; They will not be ashamed When they speak with their enemies in the gate.

5 How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them; They will not be ashamed When they speak with their enemies in the gate.

5 How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them! He will not be ashamed as they confront their enemies at the city gate.

5 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.