

The Already and the Not Yet

Psalm 126

Main Point:

Having been set free in Christ, rejoice as you prayerfully persist in the hard work of the kingdom that will one day be completed.

1. You have been given freedom and new life in the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. As a result, you should be overflowing with joy to the glory of God.

3. Nevertheless, there is still more that you need the Lord to do for you.

4. Prayerfully persist in this work as you wait on the completion to come.

1 Chronicles 9:1 1 So all Israel was recorded by genealogies, and indeed, they *were* inscribed in the book of the kings of Israel. But Judah was carried away captive to Babylon because of their unfaithfulness. (NKJV)

Jeremiah 29:14 14 I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive. (NKJV)

2 Timothy 2:26 26 and *that* they may come to their senses *and escape* the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to *do* his will. (NKJV)

Romans 6:4 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. (NKJV)

Rhett Dodson “If you want to see why this psalm is so important for your life, you need to remember that the God who restored Israel is the God who restores you in Christ.”

Psalm 137:1 1 By the rivers of Babylon, There we sat down, yea, we wept When we remembered Zion. (NKJV)

J. Stephen Yuille “True joy isn’t about living large or looking good. It’s about being delivered. It’s about being restored and reconciled to God.”

Rhett Dodson “Israel had experienced the power of God to bring her back from Babylon, but she needed the Lord to intervene once again. That’s a paradigm we see again and again in the Bible, and it’s what we experience in our own walk with God.”

Philippians 3:13-14 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (NKJV)