



3rd Sunday of Advent

**Harvest of Joy**  
Psalm 126

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**Introduction**

- Last week I introduced the idea of Advent being a season where we give attention to longing for the coming of Messiah (OC/NC)

<b>Old Covenant</b>	Garden/Patriarchs/Slavery/Exodus/Wilderness/Promised Land/Kingdom/Exile	→	Jesus' First Coming <b>Seed, Blesser, Deliverer, Captain, Judge, King, Son of David</b>
Israel's Hope becomes our Hope			
<b>New Covenant</b>		→	Jesus' Second Coming

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**Past Mercies** **Psalm 126 - A Song of Ascents**

*When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.  
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then they said among the nations,  
"The LORD has done great things for them."*

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**Proclaimed Gladness**

*The LORD has done great things for us;  
we are glad.*

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**Present Prayer**

*Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like streams in the Negeb!*

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**Promised Future**

*Those who sow in tears  
shall reap with shouts of joy!  
He who goes out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
bringing his sheaves with him.*

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**Application**

- This song provides an example of what a Godward life looks like
- Rehearsing God's **Past Mercies** to us
- **Proclaimed Gladness** in the midst of hard times
- **Present Prayer** amidst darkness around/in us
- Belief in the **Future Promise** of Jesus' return
- All four parts are needed in our Life Together as we long and wait for the Lord

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