

“Trusting the Lord for the Next Generation”

Psalm 127

A call to consider those things that endure, and to trust God in their establishment.

1. Trusting in God Alone for the Building of His House

vv. 1-2

(1) The futility of every endeavor undertaken without God’s help

-1- The building of the house

All is futile, if God’s hand is not in the building!

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

-2- The guarding of the city

-3- The labor expended with the hope that one’s work will endure.

- Excessive labor will do no good at all
if God’s hand is not in it to bless.

*“It is vain for you to rise up early,
To sit up late,
To eat the bread of sorrows”*

(2) The promise of rest for those who are trusting in the Lord

“For so He gives His beloved sleep.”

- There is a rest which God’s people may enjoy if they are trusting in Him!
- Still laboring, but trusting God amidst the labor!

2. Trusting in God Alone for a Work in the Next Generation

vv. 3-5

(1) Children sovereignly, graciously given!

*“Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
The fruit of the womb is a reward.”*

-1- Children graciously given to be a lasting heritage!

We are always to look and think beyond our own generation
when we consider how and what we build.

-2- Children are a gift from God!

- Heb: nachalah - possession, property, inheritance NASV “gift”
- We have no control in determining this!
- It is wholly of the goodness and mercy of God that we have children!

-3- A reward!

- Heb: Sacar - hire, wages; a reward for work done

(2) Children: a primary means through which God will establish His Kingdom

-1- We are called to see in them a wonderful promise of strength and blessing.

*“Like arrows in the hands of a warrior
so are the children of one’s youth.”*

- When you look at your children, grandchildren, what do you see?

-2- Happy is the man who views his children in this way!

*“Happy is the man
who has his quiver full of them”*

-3- God purposes to bless the generation to come!

*“They shall not be ashamed,
But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.”*

Further Application