

Psalms of Degrees (Part 2)

Psalm 126 – Sowing in Tears (captivity) and followed by Joyful Reaping – Trouble

As we continue to grow in the Lord we gain a deeper understanding of the biblical principle of sowing and reaping. Often our sowing is done in and with tears resulting with joy when it is time to reap. Of course, the key lies in the **seed** that we sow. Precious seed is a reference to the Scriptures. (See the parable of Jesus in Luke 8.)

V1-4 – This great testimony was true for Israel when delivered from Sennacherib in 2 Chronicles 32:23, when Israel was delivered from Babylon and certainly true as the believer realizes more and more what salvation truly delivered us from. We are no longer in bondage and the “river” flows through us (John 7:38). The Lord hath done great things!!

Historically this was not written about the delivery from Babylon during Ezra and Nehemiah’s years as many commentators state but rather the deliverance of Judah from Assyria and Sennacherib.

Psalm 127 – The Vanity of Labor and the Growth from God – Trust

The next step in a believer’s growth is just that, growth of “his house.” Building your life, your house, your family in the Lord is the path of walking with the Lord. The results of effective sowing is a plenteous harvest, a fruitful home with an abundance of children. This can be physical offspring as well as spiritual offspring.

Genesis 1:28 – “Be fruitful and multiply” (repeated after the flood and in the New Testament. But the key truths here in Psalm 127 must be noted:

V1 – The Lord must build the house

V1 – The Lord must provide the protection

V2 – The Lord provides the needs and the rest (See Matthew 6:24-34)

V3-5 – The results of trusting, resting, depending upon the Lord are declared

Children = heritage and reward

Children = Source of effectiveness like arrows.

Children = Source of Happiness (2 John 4; 3 John 4)

Children = A man’s legacy

Psalm 128 – Blessings of Walking with the Lord; Godly Maturity – Triumph

The theme of 127 is continued by focusing on the blessing one receives as he continues to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18)

V1 – Biblical principle: Fear the Lord and walk in His ways and you will be blessed.

- a. You will be able to labor and enjoy the fruit of that labor
- b. It will be well with thee
- c. Your wife will be fruitful (see Proverbs 31)
- d. Your children will be productive

- e. You will experience peace and see your grands!

This is truly a spiritual application

Psalm 129 – The Opposition from the Enemies – Trouble

As the mature believer continues to witness for the Lord through the years he will encounter opposition and persecution. Sometimes open and violent while more commonly covert and insidious.

V1- 3 – Make note of the trouble, pain and trials.

V4-8 – These verses declare the righteous power of the Lord. Regardless of the trouble we experience. The blessings of the Lord are always available.

- a. Proverbs 3:5-6 – Key to a proper outlook on life
- b. Galatians 2:20
- c. Romans 12:1-2

Psalm 130 – Patiently waiting for the Lord's coming and deliverance – Trust

This psalm seeks to take a change in direction. The focus seems to be on his own relationship with the Lord and the desire to be with Him. It talks about iniquities, forgiveness (1 John 1:9), having travelled through depths and how he is waiting on the Lord. Isaiah 40:31

V3-4 – What do you find here?

V5 – The Biblical principle of trusting in His word.

V7 - Major statement on Mercy and His redemption.

- a. Redeem – to buy back
- b. See v8 and the promise for the future of Israel. The Lord is coming!

Psalm 131 – Humble and Complete Hope in the Lord – Triumph

The more a believer grows spiritually the greater humility becomes a factor in his life (2 Peter 1:5-7). The steps – patience, godliness, kindness and charity.

Galatians – Fruit of the Spirit – Gentleness, goodness, meekness, faith, temperance.

Psalm 132 – Recognition and prayer for the King and His Kingdom – Trouble

Not only does a mature believer desire to see the will of the Lord accomplished in and through his life, but he desires to see the Lord's will accomplished on the whole earth. "On earth as it is in heaven." The focus of a mature believer is His will, His glory, His purpose and not our comfort, joy or pleasure. It becomes all about Him as we mature spiritually. Paul said "in him we live and move and have our being."

This psalm is challenging and is prophetic and Messianic.

V1-2 – The prayer of Hezekiah

V 3-6 – The prayer of David as quoted by Hezekiah

- a. David was in search of the tabernacle with a desire to bring it 'home'
- b. They heard it was *at Ephratah* (that is, at Shiloh, in the tribe of Ephraim); there they were told it had been, but it was gone. They *found it*, at last, *in the fields of the wood*, which is, in Kirjath-jearim. This signifies *the city of woods*. So all Israel fetched it, with great solemnity, in the beginning of David's reign and brought it home.

V11-18 – The response of God to David as recorded by Hezekiah.

- a. The Lord hath chosen Zion. This is His rest forever
- b. Clothe her priests with salvation
- c. The saints will shout for joy!

V17 – “Mine anointed” – Reference to Christ. Compare this with verses in Revelation 19 and the promises recorded there.

Psalm 133 – The End of the Journey and Unity forever – Trust

There is nothing greater than dwelling in unity and we will do that during the Millennium under the reign of Christ and of course, for all eternity. The precious anointing of Christ the prevailing peace and unity will be the joy of all.

The conflict, trials, attacks, persecution and opposition of a believer as we walk in the light as He is in the light becomes wearisome. That is why Paul encouraged his followers (and all believers) not to grow weary in well doing. To be steadfast, unmovable and always abounding.

After Psalm 132 and the fulfillment of the coming of the Lord the end of the journey will be realized and the peace that passes ALL UNDERSTANDING will become a reality.

AMEN and Hallelujah!

Psalm 134 – Eternity of Praise and Blessing – Triumph

The final conclusion of our life is to bless the Lord! Lift up your heads and bless the Lord. The final victory through Christ. The everlasting TRIUMPH. Revelation 21:22-27!!