

# **Psalms 127**

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The title “Song of Ascents” identifies each of *Psalms 120-134* as a pilgrim song to be sung when the Israelites “ascended” (went up) to Jerusalem for the annual feasts. They are called Songs of Degree, gradual Psalms, Pilgrim Psalms, songs of Going Up, songs of Journey Up, ascent Psalms, and finally, Songs of the Steps.

Four of these 15 Psalms are ascribed to David (Ps. 122; 124; 131; 133), 1 to Solomon (Ps. 127), and the other 10 are anonymous.

The stage of purification Psalms 120-124

The stage of enlightenment Psalms 125–129

The stage of union Psalms

130 – 134

## ***KJV Psalms 127***

“The total commitment of works”; “The builder’s Psalms”

Build; building and growing.

A SONG OF DEGREES FOR SOLOMON.

***KJV Psalms 127:1-5*** 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**.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Lo, **children** are an **heritage** of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.<sup>4</sup> As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are **children** of the youth.<sup>5</sup> 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.

**2 Samuel 12:24-25** And David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and he called his name **Solomon**: and the LORD loved him. <sup>25</sup> And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name **Jedidiah**, because of the LORD. gate.

Solomon means h8010. שְׁלֹמֹה šelômô; from 7965; peaceful; Shelomah, David's successor: — Solomon. AV (293) - Solomon 293; Solomon = "**peace**"

Jedidiah h3041. יְדִידְיָהּ yedîdyâ; from 3039 and 3050; beloved of Jah; Jedidejah, a name of Solomon: — Jedidiah. AV (1) - Jedidiah 1; Jedidiah = "**beloved of Jehovah**"

Solomon was the **builder** of the temple of God; however, he was totally committed to doing it God's way. Verse 1: unless the Lord builds, the house we labor in vain that build. This verse tells us to build God's house and build our homes. When building our lives, we have to be totally committed to doing it God's way.

***KJV Psalms 127:1*** 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.

***Ephesians 2:19-22*** the **church** is called the **household** of God, the **building**, an **holy Temple**, and a **habitation of God**.

**Verse 1** without Jehovah Our labor, effort, exhaustion, toil and vexation are in vain empty.

**Verse 2** Tells us we watch in vain. The watchmen of the city are the parents, the pastors, and the leaders of the city. There is no entering into rest, Hebrews 3-4, without doing it God's way.

🔑 There are seven designations for Sons of God in this song: House, City, beloved, heritage, fruit, reward, and arrows throughout this Psalms.

🔑 The point is that work done independently of God will be futile. But a person who trusts in the Lord will find rest. Without the Lord, all domestic work is in vain.

### ***Psalms 127:3-5***

Children, the psalmist wrote, are some of the Lord's providential  **blessings**. They are a **reward** from the Lord. Sons help defend the family, for they are like weapons (arrows) in the hands of a mighty man.

Parents are like **archers**, and children are compared to **arrows**.

🔑 **Vs 4** Arrows are cut from the tree and separate it from their original source. The outer bark is then stripped, and then that branch is put in a device to straighten it out. The arrow is then dried out as it is straightened to prepare for finishing. The arrow is sanded and shaped to prepare it for use. Once the sharp head is attached the arrow is kept a quiver until time for it to be taken out to hit its target. All of our children will go through a process of preparation so that they can hit the target of their purpose.

Vs 5 The **goal of parents** is to prepare the next generation of **watchmen** to build the house and keep the city. The next generation of watchmen will speak with the enemy for both negotiation, and fighting to protect **God's heritage, God's building, and his city**.

🔑 *Remember, building a house, a congregation, a city, and a nation is a process of construction with the Lord's guidance, direction, and instruction. Build God's way.*