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Psalm 127 4/10/13

There is uncertainty regarding the author, time, or circumstances of these Psalms, but it is apparent Psalms 120-134 work together, and are called the "Songs of Degrees," and sometimes "Songs of Ascension." This one is attributed to Solomon.

Psalm 127

Living in a Safe House

Verses 1-2 describe a Safe House is the Lord's House;

Verses 3-5 describe a family in a Safe House.

Verses 1-2: (**Verse 1**) Since this is credited to Solomon who had built God's House (the Temple in Jerusalem, 1 Kings 5:1-5), this naturally fits. Moses' "house" was the family of Israelites under Moses' Law: "And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken *afterward*, but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end" (Hebrews 3:5-6). Today the "household of God" (1 Timothy 3:15) is the church of Christ, thus the application would be that it is useless to establish any other church, or claim to be a part of the church of Christ, unless one goes all the way by obeying all of what God demands (Acts 2:36-47). Jesus said:

Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men'. (Matthew 15:7-9)

Since the "home" must be established upon the heterosexual love relationship in a marriage (Genesis 2:18-24; Matthew 19:4-6), then all attempts to build a family (house) based upon homosexuality, bisexuality, trans sexuality is "in vain." The same applies to Solomon's Jerusalem (2 Samuel 5:7-9), and every other city that has no foundation of faith in God! There is no purpose in building a house without God, and the sleepless watchman of a city is useless "unless the LORD guards the city." There is no security in a church, home, or city, without God's blessing.

(**Verse 2**) It is "vain" (useless) to get up for work early, sit up late, suffering for food, when God is blessing. Diligence is good, as Solomon said: "He who has a slack hand becomes poor, But the hand of the diligent makes rich" (Proverbs 10:4).

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Solomon also said: "The blessing of the LORD makes one rich, And He adds no sorrow with it" (Proverbs 10:22). Jesus, the wisest Man of all, said: "The blessing of the LORD makes *one* rich, And He adds no sorrow with it" (Proverbs 10:22).

Verses 3-5: (**Verse 3**) There is no greater tribute to the blessing of a child than these verses. First, children are a "heritage" (inheritance) from God. There is no godly way to decide to have an abortion. The miniscule percentage of women whose lives would be in jeopardy should they birth the baby inside them in no way justifies the bloodthirsty, murderous, savage, brutal, sacrificing of human lives called "abortion." (**Verse 4**) Second, children of our youthful years become a parent's strength to endure, like arrows arming a warrior. Parents are people God is preparing to "take on" the struggle of life. (**Verse 5**) Third, the man should be "happy" because of his responsibility of fatherhood. His children, unashamed by his duties common to man have his guidance that helps them to be able to take leadership in civic matters, as well. Good parenting affects the future, also.

Thought: Males who won't commit to the responsibility of producing a child with their own marriage spouse, should never be given the opportunity by any female. Females who encourage or accept males as sires and not permanently married mates, are reducing childbearing to an animal level. Having children without marriage is ugly, degrading, deceptive, and destructive, and should never be judged lightly.

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