

sermon notes

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Psalm 127

Background for Psalm 127

Psalm 127 is in _____ of the Psalms, it is in the middle of the _____ of _____, it is written by _____ and poetically repeats _____ with slight alteration.

Psalm 127 v.1-2

- 1) _____ is vain unless the Lord provides
- 2) _____ is vain unless the Lord provides
- 3) God grants _____ to His beloved, not _____

Psalm 127 v.3-5

- 4) Children are a _____ and an example of God's _____
- 5) To sinners, Jesus provides through _____ and _____

Questions for further application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

Psalms 120-133 are collected together as the “Songs of Ascents” with Psalm 127 right in the middle. Read through several of the Songs of Ascent to understand what this collection represents (try reading all 14 if time allows! At least try the beginning and end, 120 and 133). What themes and emotions come across from the Songs of Ascents?

Psalm 127 is split into two halves, verses 1-2 about the vanity of working outside God's will and verses 3-5 about the blessing of children provided by God. Why are these two halves combined in the same Psalm? How are they related?

GET PERSONAL

In Psalm 127:3-5 children are described as blessings for their ability to provide protection and provision. Read Matthew 19:27-30, where Jesus promises what will be given to those who give up earthly provision and family for the sake of following Him. How does God provide for believers today (both with and without children)?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Psalm 127:1 gives examples of vanity without God in both the area of achievements/accomplishments and also in the area of protection/preserving. Think about your own life in these two areas, consider both your past actions and your future plans. What areas of achievement or accomplishment do you strive for in your life? What things in your life do you work to preserve or protect? Read Psalm 127:2, are you pursuing these goals through your own anxious toil or are you relying on God's provision? What changes can you make in your thoughts and actions to rely on God more?

ADVANCED QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER STUDY

The story of Solomon in the Bible is told in 11 chapters from 1 Kings 1-11. Take some time to read through Solomon's story this week and pay special attention to Solomon's accomplishments and failures. Compare the wisdom that Solomon shares in Psalm 127 about God's sovereignty to his own choices and decisions in life in order to see what determined Solomon's success or failure.