

I Will with God's Help

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Introduction: Psalms 127:1-2

- A. Things in life most honorable people desire and seek:
 - 1. A good family life,
 - 2. Protection from violence,
 - 3. Success in work,
 - 4. Victory when there is war,
 - 5. Worship that pleases God,
 - 6 Churches that flourish and grow.
- B. People spend a great deal of time, effort, and yearning for these things.
 - 1. But human effort alone will not ensure that they will acquire them.
 - 2. Psalm 127:1-2 - "human enterprises only succeed by Divine blessing" (Jameison-Fausset-Brown Commentary)

I. IN OUR FAMILIES

- A. Good homes are desirable.
 - 1. It is a blessing to be part of a family; it is blessing to be part of a good family; it is blessing to be part of a good family that is spiritual, successful, and productive.
 - 2. There is nothing wrong with desiring this and working sacrificially to bring it about.
- B. Good homes require God's blessing.
 - 1. In Psalm 127:1, the word house may refer to the temple, but the context suggests it refers to the home or family.
 - 2. A large family is a blessing from God - Psalm 127:3-5
 - a. Not to imply that a small family or no family is a curse.
 - b. There may be times when it is God's will that one be single or have a small family - 1Cor. 7:7, 32-35
 - 3. Yet without God's approval and involvement, our efforts will fail.
 - a. It is necessary that we invoke God's blessings on our efforts.
 - b. This also requires that we do not put family over God.
 - c. Matt. 10:37; 22:37 - If we put family before God, then our labor for our family will ultimately fail.

II. IN OUR SAFETY

- A. Protection from violence is essential.
 - 1. Providing security is part of providing for one's family - 1Tim. 5:8
- B. True security requires God's protection.
 - 1. Unless God is our guard, efforts to protect are destined to go wrong Psalm 127:1
 - 2. Provide locked doors, security systems, and defensive training, but don't leave out God - Psalm 121:1-8
 - 3. Any effort to supply security without looking to God for help will fail.

III. AT WORK

- A. God wants us work with our hands.
 - 1. To walk properly toward those who are outside - 1Thes. 4:11-12
 - 2. To provide for those less fortunate than us - Eph. 4:28
 - 3. It is part of His design for human beings - Gen. 2:15
- B. True success requires God's favor.
 - 1. In spite of efforts to work hard - Psalm 127:2
 - 2. Our efforts will be little more than gathering and collecting for others - Ecc. 2:26
 - 3. We must never put our jobs before God if we want His approval and blessing in work - Matt. 6:33

IV. IN CONFLICT

- A. When war is inevitable, victory is the desired outcome.
 - 1. Especially when attacked by evil aggressors.
 - 2. Governments build armies and weapons to defend its citizens and industry.
- B. Victory does not depend upon might alone.
 - 1. Preparation alone does not guarantee success in battle - Prov. 21:31
 - 2. Armies and weapons are not enough to ensure victory - Psalm 33:16-17
 - 3. We must look to the Lord as our help and our shield - Psalm 33:18-22
 - 4. Many greater nations have fallen in the day of battle because of arrogance and pride.

V. IN WORSHIP

- A. God desires that we worship him.
 - 1. John 4:23; 1Peter 2:9
- B. But not all worship is approved.
 - 1. Prov. 15:8; Matt. 15:9

VI. IN THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

- A. We are encouraged to labor for the Lord.
 - 1. 1Cor. 15:58; Heb. 6:10
- B. Success does not come from labor alone, or from following all of the rules.
 - 1. God is the one who gives the increase - 1Cor. 3:6-7
 - 2. He is the source of any sufficiency that we may have - 2Cor. 3:5-6
 - 3. We work as though it all depends on us, we must pray as though it all depends on God.

Conclusion:

- 1. Whatever our endeavor, it will fail unless God is involved.
- 2. Psalm 127:1-2, 90:17