

DIVINE SOVEREIGNTY & HUMAN RESPONSIBILITY ON THE JOURNEY! PSALM 127

Every believer comes to places and times when fear enters in...

Psalm 127: title

A Song of degrees (שִׁיר הַמַּעֲלוֹת) for Solomon (לְשׁוֹלֹמֹן).

The KJV translates the preposition (לְ) for – which can be translated of, by, about, for...Solomon as the author or about Solomon or dedicated to Solomon.

What we know: Solomon dealt with running a kingdom as a fairly young man!

➤ Building a house → He had the Lord's house to build

➤ Protecting a city → He had a city-state to protect

➤ Vanity → He wrote something about frustration

➤ His beloved (לְיָדָיו) → Solomon's other name (יְדִידְיָהּ)

Psalm 127:2 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 (לְיָדָיו) sleep.

2 Samuel 12:25 And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name **Jedidiah** (יְדִידְיָהּ), because of the LORD.

➤ Given sleep → given wisdom in his sleep!

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1 Kings 3:5 In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, **Ask what I shall give thee.** 1 Kings 3:6 And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. 1 Kings 3:7 And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. 1 Kings 3:8 And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. 1 Kings 3:9 Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

Divine Sovereignty & Human Responsibility on the Journey!

1. We have **many things to do!** (Maybe too many things?)

Psalm 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.

Psalm 127:2 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.

Psalm 127:3 Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: And the fruit of the womb is his reward.

2. Things we cannot do!

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Simple thought process...

3 testimonies of all believers (in every age):

- A salvation testimony
- A growth / learned / texts / trials / crises... testimony
- This is “just too much for me” testimony!

3. Things He can do & therefore we must do!

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Divine Sovereignty & Human Responsibility in all areas of life!

2 Corinthians 3:5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; **but our sufficiency is of God**;

2 Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

Exodus 4:10 And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: **but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue**.

Exodus 4:11 And the LORD said unto him, **Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?**

Exodus 4:12 Now **therefore go, and** I will be with thy mouth, **and** teach thee what thou shalt say.

John 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: **for without me ye can do nothing**.

1 Corinthians 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: **yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me**.

Philippians 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. **Philippians 2:13** **For** it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

4. Things done for our good & His glory!

Psalm 127:3 Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: And the fruit of the womb is his reward.

Psalm 127:4 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; So are children of the youth.

Psalm 127:5 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.