

TIME & THE JOURNEY! PSALM 126

Psalm 126 deals with time & the journey:

126:1-3 - past

126:4 - present

126:5-6 - future

1. Looking **back** – with praise and thanksgiving!

Psalm 126:1 When the LORD turned ed again the captivity of Zion, We **were** like them that dream.

Psalm 126:2 Then **was** our mouth filled with laughter, And our tongue with singing: **Then** said they among the heathen, The LORD **hath done** great things for them.

Psalm 126:3 The LORD **hath done** great things for us; Whereof we are glad.

Translations sometimes attempt to remove the “captivity” part of this so that it is not about one particular event (restore the fortunes):

The captivity

A captivity

Any captivity

Your captivity

The most important idea is – what God has done for us is the foundation for what God can do for us!

1 Samuel 17:32 And David said to Saul, Let no man’s heart fail because of him; **thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. 1 Samuel 17:33** And Saul said to David, Thou art **not** able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: **for** thou art but a youth, **and he a man of war from his youth.**

1 Samuel 17:34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father’s sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: **1 Samuel 17:35** And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

1 Samuel 17:36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: **and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them**, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

1 Samuel 17:37 David said moreover, **The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine.** And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

2 Corinthians 1:8 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: **2 Corinthians 1:9** But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:

2 Corinthians 1:10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;

2 Corinthians 1:11 Ye also **helping together** by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

Thoughts:

- We build on the past
- What God has done, God can do
- A life of praise & thanksgiving!

- A past **filled** with confidence in God
- A past that doesn't have to be your past!!!
- It can **also** be a borrowed past **ADDED** to your past

Sources:

2. Looking **up** – in prayer!

Psalm 126:4 **Turn again** our captivity, O LORD, **As** the streams in the south.

Past → present!

In 536~ - 516~ & even up till Malachi, God's people were back but in difficult times:

Surrounded by enemies

Supported by a handful of people

Struggling to survive & thrive

We still need him!

Ephesians 6:18 **Praying always** with **all** prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with **all** perseverance and supplication for **all** saints;

Ephesians 6:19 **And** for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

3. Looking **ahead** / **forward** – with a plan!

Psalm 126:5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. Psalm 126:6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Past → present → future!

Thoughts:

- There is work to be done
- Hard work!
- Work that's not **all joy and happiness**
- Work that involves stages

Sowing, weeping, waiting, reaping, rejoicing...!

- Work that actually requires us to start!
- Work that will bear fruit
- Work that will cause great rejoicing

You and I have a God-given plan:

Built on the past

Lived in the present

Moving into the future work!