

**A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon.**

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They labour in vain who build it;  
Unless the Lord guards the city,  
The watchman stays awake in vain.

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To sit up late,  
To eat the bread of sorrows;  
*For* so He gives His beloved sleep.

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The fruit of the womb *is* a reward.

<sup>4</sup> Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,  
So *are* the children of one's youth.

<sup>5</sup> Happy *is* the man who has his quiver full of them;  
They shall not be ashamed,  
But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

Psalm 127

1. This Psalm was written by Solomon

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Psalm 127:1-2

## 2. This Psalm emphasises God's Role in the building of the Home

- a) His role is of utmost importance
- b) Mere human effort would be inadequate
  - i) Rise up early
  - ii) Sit up late
  - iii) Eat the bread of sorrows
- c) God's role
  - i) He helps to build the home
  - ii) He guards
  - iii) He gives needed sleep

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Psalm 127:3-5

- a) They are a heritage from the Lord
- b) They are a reward
- c) Good children are a special blessing

- d) They are described:
  - i) Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
  - ii) They fly straight and true
  - iii) They will defend the home from enemies
  - iv) They are courageous and unafraid of enemies