

Remnant Life Church
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Building Your Home
Psalms 127:1-2

- Next Sunday is Mother's Day
 - A day that we rightly honor the woman who for most of us was a strong, guiding, and loving presence in our lives
 - With mothers we probably most often think about home
 - This morning we are going to look at the home that we live in and how to build a good one
 - It is never too late to change the makeup of your home
- **Read Psalm 127:1-2**
- This Psalm, written by Solomon is the middle Psalm of 15 (from 120 - 134) called the Psalms of Ascents
 - Psalm 127's theme: *Troubled travelers turn to God for a tranquil and trusting Sleep*
 - City motto or Edinburgh, Scotland – *Nisi Dominus Frustus* ("Without the Lord, Frustration.") taken from Psalms 127:1
- "Unless the Lord..." (v 1)
 - The focus is on the necessity of God to be involved in everything His people attempt to do
 - Solomon, despite of all his success, makes no allowance for self-reliance
 - a. He started this way but did not end up as strong
 - b. His son, Rehoboam undid much of what Solomon accomplished and the Davidic line weakened in power, wealth, and Godly influence
- "...builds the house"
 - Two differing interpretations of this verse
 - One is the house refers to the temple and what Solomon was tasked to accomplish
 - House also refers to family (Ex 1:21; Ps 113:9)
- "...labor in vain."
 - This is not the word that Solomon uses meaning vanity; acting or thinking in selfish motive
 - It means to be fruitless or without purpose and value
 - According to Ecclesiastes and Psalms 127 anything we attempt to accomplish without God is ultimately in vain - if not now then certainly toward eternity

How do I build my home in a way that makes it secure and able to stand in the times of trial and challenge?

- **Note**
 - You are never too young to begin building your home
 - You are never too old to change your home (remodel)

- Your home is never too far gone to make the changes
- All of these must be done with God and not of your own desire or efforts

1. Build your home

- Foundation; Walls; Roof
- These represent **stability; security; serenity**
- Read **Luke 6:47-49**
- It begins with the foundation and that foundation is Jesus Christ
 - (a) The Bible calls Jesus the Chief Cornerstone (**Eph 2:20**) *built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,*
 - (b) Why is that a place of stability?
 1. Jesus is that rock that Luke writes of
 2. He cannot be shaken or moved by the things of this world
 3. Neither will we if our foundation is laid on Him
- The walls are the security protecting us from the forces of the outside
 - (a) The walls of the city of Jerusalem were vital to the life and protection of the people (Nehemiah's purpose)
 - (b) It not only kept the people safe inside but it kept the forces of destruction from getting in
 - (c) Our walls rest on the foundation but they are comprised of God's Word in our hearts and on our lips
 - (d) Speak the Word of God when dealing with difficulties
- The ceiling is the serenity of our place of protection
 - (a) Our homes should be a place of peace
 - (b) The ceiling is the love of God present in our homes not only for us but for every person who comes into our home
 - (c) **Phil 4:7** - *And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus*

2. Guard your home

- **Ps 62:1-2** - *Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.*
- Attacks from within and from without
- **Eph 6:12** - *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

3. Create a heritage for your home

- Your family heritage can be traced back through your mother and/or your father
- What is your spiritual heritage?
 - (a) Not only should you be able to trace yours
 - (b) But to how many people are you a part of theirs?
 - (c) Do you live in a way that introduces, encourages, and presents Jesus wherever you go?
 - (d) Your past does not disqualify you from being a part of a spiritual heritage
 1. Zechariah and Elizabeth (**Luke 1**) had no children

2. Their barrenness of their past did not determine the fruitfulness of their future

- What heritage are you leaving for the next generation of your home?
- Building, guarding and creating a heritage in our homes is a joint venture with God
 - We build the structure and God brings His presence
 - We seek Him as we build, not after!