

Bible Study: Book of Psalms

Date	September 3, 2025	Wednesday Night Class
Connecting Scriptures/Thoughts	Psalm 126- Restore our Fortunes, Oh Lord Song of Ascent	
<p>Israel was taken captive but the Lord promised to return them one day. Nation destroyed capitol destroyed and temple destroyed, but oh to return home.</p> <p>How often has this happened in history?</p> <p>Ezra 3:10-13</p> <p>Psalm 30:5</p> <p>Acts 14:22</p>	<p>[1] When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.</p> <p>[2] Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."</p> <p>[3] The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.</p> <p>[4] Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!</p> <p>[5] Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!</p> <p>[6] He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.</p> <p>(ESV)</p>	

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<p>All of our labors are futile unless the Lord gives success to the work (v. 1). The one who builds a house cannot complete it unless the Lord is actually the one building it (v. 1). If the Lord is not protecting the city, it doesn't matter how many sentries you post (v. 1). It is vain for you to wear yourself out if God does not want to give it to you (v. 2). So when the Lord is building a house, how does He do it? Children are a heritage from the Lord, and His reward is the fruit of the womb (v. 3)</p>	<p>[1] Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.</p> <p>[2] It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.</p> <p>[3] Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.</p> <p>[4] Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.</p> <p>[5] Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.</p> <p>(ESV)</p>
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<p>We often ask what does it mean to fear the Lord, well the writer tells us, walking in His ways.</p> <p>Often the bible is misinterpreted by saying God of OT is different from God of the NT. Fear of God is an OT and NT concept! Remember it is walking in His Ways.</p> <p>2 Cor 7:1 Eph 5:21 Heb 12:28 1 Pet 2:17 Rom 3:18 ???</p>	<p>[1] Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways!</p> <p>[2] You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.</p> <p>[3] Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.</p> <p>[4] Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.</p> <p>[5] The LORD bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!</p> <p>[6] May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!</p> <p>(ESV)</p>	

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<p>Reflected not on greatness but on survival.</p> <p>2 Cor 4:9;11</p> <p>Not wanting the wicked to have any advantage is different than praying for someone to turn from their wickedness.</p> <p>Mark 9:43ff shows us that if people want to stay wicked that is not a good thing.</p>	<p>[1] “Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth” — let Israel now say—</p> <p>[2] “Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth, yet they have not prevailed against me.</p> <p>[3] The plowers plowed upon my back; they made long their furrows.”</p> <p>[4] The LORD is righteous; he has cut the cords of the wicked.</p> <p>[5] May all who hate Zion be put to shame and turned backward!</p> <p>[6] Let them be like the grass on the housetops, which withers before it grows up,</p> <p>[7] with which the reaper does not fill his hand nor the binder of sheaves his arms,</p> <p>[8] nor do those who pass by say, “The blessing of the LORD be upon you! We bless you in the name of the LORD!” (ESV)</p>
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<p>There is forgiveness in you so you can be feared, how does that relate to Psalm 128 and my question what does it mean to fear the Lord?</p> <p>Pleading and wrestling with God is taking place here.</p> <p>If the Lord recorded all of your sins and read them off to you one by one, would you be able to stand? How long do you think you can stand? oo,k</p>	<p>[1] Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!</p> <p>[2] O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!</p> <p>[3] If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?</p> <p>[4] But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.</p> <p>[5] I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;</p> <p>[6] my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.</p> <p>[7] O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.</p> <p>[8] And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities. (ESV)</p>	