

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL, MORE SONGS FROM THE HEART, TRUTH ON TRIAL

O.T. Study - More Songs From The Heart - *A Reason for Hope* - July 29, 2018

Text: Psalm 121, 127, 130

Intro: Read John 16:25-33. This is an interesting conversation between Jesus and his closest disciples concerning Jesus' last days on earth. What "lessons for today" can we draw from this exchange?

The 3 Psalms for the text today are all from the "Songs of Ascent" (Psa.120-134). What can you find out about them?

Some feel that the central theme of the Songs of Ascent is H_____!

I. (Psa. 121) Our Help Comes From the Lord!

1. What reasons does the psalmist give that tell us that God can give us help?

2. What are the promises given to us in vss. 7-8?

According to this psalm, God is our great G_____, P_____, and D_____! He is the same God that has watched over His children since creation. Today, He knows our W_____, our L_____, and He will watch over us F_____!

II. (Psalm 127) Our Efforts Are in Vain Without the Lord!

1. This psalm is divided into two parts. Part 1 (vss.1-2) stresses the V_____ of human effort. Part 2 (vss.3-5) stresses the V_____ of divine blessings!

2. Be careful of how we build! What does the phrase "unless the Lord builds the house" mean?

3. Be careful of how we enjoy! What is God trying to tell us in 127:2?

4. Be careful of how we conserve! What is the message for us today in vss.3-5?

What does it take to raise spiritual children?

We need to seek God's W_____, G_____, and P_____ in everything we do!

III. (Psalm 130) Our Only Hope Is in the Lord and His Mercy!

1. This psalm emphasizes what God does for the helpless people who cry out to Him for mercy. Read Hebrews 10:19-25. What kind of preparation should we be making before approaching God?

2. (130:1-2) God can take us from D_____ to L_____!

3. (130:3-4) God can take us from G_____ to F_____!

4. (130:5-6) God can take us from D_____ to L_____!

5. (130:7-8) God can take us from S_____RY to R_____!

6. Read 1 John 1:5-10. Do these scriptures relate to Psa.130? What is the danger in "unconfessed" sin?

Text for August 5, 2018: Psa.119:89, 142, 160, Jo.17:17, Jo.8:31-32. *Truth You Can Count On*