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THE ANSWER TO VANITY

Psalm 127

Sermon notes from 7/27/08

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Summary

Songs of Ascents

This collection of 15 songs (Ps 120-134) was a special hymn book for Israel's use on their way to Jerusalem for the covenant feasts. They help us give voice to the longing of God's people to be with our God together.

Text

Unless the LORD builds the house,
its builders labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the watchmen stand guard in vain.
² In vain you rise early and stay up late,
toiling for food to eat—for he grants sleep to those he loves.
³ Sons are a heritage from the LORD,
children a reward from him.
⁴ Like arrows in the hands of a warrior
are sons born in one's youth.
⁵ Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.
They will not be put to shame
when they contend with their enemies in the gate.

Message

I. The Problem of Vanity

II. The Preoccupations of Vanity

III. The Praise of the Builder

Application

Please pray and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you with the following questions:

What is the purpose of your life? How do you know? How are you doing?

Which of these preoccupations do you struggle with the most?

What specific ways does the love of God in Christ give you purpose?

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