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TEXT: PSALM 126

“...that these psalms describe the feelings of those Israelites who went up with Zerubbabel and Jeshua, and afterwards with Ezra, and still later with Nehemiah, from the land of their captivity and dispersion at Babylon, Susa, and other regions of the East, to the home of their fathers, Jerusalem.”—C. Wordsworth

Captivity is a great picture of being far away from the Lord. The very reason they were in captivity was because God’s people took God for granted.

1. For the future, they hoped

- a. Are you in a place of hope?
- b. Are you in a place of listening?
 - Hope is really a by-product of faith.
 - You will only get to where God would have you to go if you are listening and hoping in Him.

2. At present, they rejoiced

- a. In their testimony for the Lord
- b. In the Lord who did the work
 - That’s why when we see God’s goodness we need to take great care to celebrate God not just the goodness.

3. In reflection, they sowed

- a. Their tears were worth it
 - This was regarding their prayer. They had all been looking for God to take them to what He had next from their previous predicament.
- b. Their hope brought fruit
 - Sheaves: To bring together; to collect,
 - Too often we miss out in what God wants to do in us NOW because were too focused on complaining.

Get to a place of adjusting your sight on God. God is in the transitions, as much as He’s in the coming and going. Get back to listening to what God has promised He will do and before long you’ll be there!