

BOOK OF PSALMS

__ Learning to Express Deeper Affection For God __

MAIN IDEA || God alone is working as the source of our everyday peace, joy and prosperity so we can flourish & rest by applying his wisdom.

Psalm 122 (NLT)

¹ I was **glad** when they said to me,

“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

⁴ All the tribes of Israel—the Lord’s people—

make their pilgrimage here.

They come to give thanks to the name of the Lord,

⁸ For the sake of my family and friends, I will say,

“May you have peace.”

⁹ For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,

I will seek what is best for you, O Jerusalem.

Our God working is the source for all of our everyday:

- **peace** & prosperity, (122)

Psalm 126

¹ *When the Lord brought back his exiles to Jerusalem,
it was like a dream!*

² *We were filled with laughter,
and we sang for joy.*

And the other nations said,

“What amazing things the Lord has done for them.”

³ ***Yes, the Lord has done amazing things for us!***

What joy!

⁴ ***Restore our fortunes, Lord,
as streams renew the desert.***

⁵ *Those who plant in tears
will harvest with shouts of joy.*

⁶ *They weep as they go to plant their seed,
but they sing as they return with the harvest.*

Our God is the source for all of our :

- renewal & **restoration**, (126)

Psalm 127

¹ *Unless the Lord builds a **house**,
the work of the builders is wasted.*

*Unless the Lord protects a **city**,
guarding it with sentries will do no good.*

² *It is useless for you to **work** so hard
from early morning until late at night,
anxiously working for **food** to eat;
for God gives rest to his loved ones.*

³ ***Children** are a gift from the Lord;
they are a reward from him.*

Our God is the source for all of our :

- flourishing & rest, (127)

Psalm 128

A song for pilgrims ascending to Jerusalem.

¹ *How joyful are those who **fear the Lord**—
all who **follow his ways!***

² *You will enjoy the fruit of your labor.*

How joyful and prosperous you will be!

Our God is the source for all of our :

- wisdom & joy. (128)

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

1. Psalms (122,126-128) inspire us to **express our worship** and **apply God's wisdom** as an everyday life routine. Why do you think that's such a challenge for us to live this every day?
2. After carefully considering this Psalm, can you think of how it might change the way you worked or rested if you **trusted more deeply** that God is always at work building all the good things you need?

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3. According to the Psalmist (128), joyful & prosperous people are those who fear the Lord & follow His ways. Are there any examples you've experienced where rebelling against God or living selfishly has undermined someone's joy or prosperity?