**Scripture ~ November 7th : Psalm 127 God’s Blessings in the Home**

*A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon.*

**1**Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

**2**It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved.

**3**Sons are indeed a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.

**4**Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one’s youth.

**5**Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them. He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

**Mark 12: 38-44 ~ Jesus Denounces the Scribes**

**38**As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces,

**39**and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets!

**40**They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

**The Widow’s Offering**

**41**He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums.

**42**A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny.

**43**Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury.

**44**For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”