

Songs of Ascent Psalm 126

INTRODUCTION

- The word _____ is used 4 times in 5 verses
- The concept of joy is very different from what the world calls _____
- Joy is a result of an _____ that comes knowing that God is _____ in our situation
- Unlike happiness, present joy has past and future
 1. _____ what the Lord has done
 2. _____ what the Lord is doing
 3. _____ in what the Lord will do

_____ what the Lord has done

- It is impossible to associate the events of this Psalm to a particular time in _____
- Every generation that sang this song could point back to a time in their own _____ where God had _____ the day
- The _____ and our _____ in Christ reveals that God is not _____, but intimately near
- When we _____ ourselves to _____ and lean on Him in darkness we discover how good He truly is

_____ what the Lord is doing

- It is easy in the heat of our present _____ to _____ that God is at work
- We _____ to recognize and join into the _____ that God is doing
- God chose Israel was that they would be a the instrument through which God _____ Himself and _____ His glory
- When our lives are stretched God's presence is revealed
- Every difficulty that God allows in the life of the believer has a distinct _____ and a _____

_____ in what the Lord will do

- Joy is nurtured by _____
- What we _____ known of Him, we _____ know of Him
- It is clear in Psalm 126 that the one who wrote it and those who sang it were no strangers to _____
- One of the most interesting and remarkable things Christians learn is that _____ does not exclude _____
- Trying to eliminate things that hurt is a _____ but _____ strategy for achieving joy

HOMEWORK: READ PSALM 127