

THE RIGHT BUILDER

Psalm 127

I. God Builds What Matters and Lasts

A. God stated the building code. “*Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.*” (PSALM 127:1)

B. Only Jesus is a solid foundation for life. “For *other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*” (1 CORINTHIANS 3:11)

C. What is built on another foundation cannot last. “And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto *a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.*” (MATTHEW 7:26-27)

D. Wise believers build on Jesus. “*Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.*” (MATTHEW 7:24-25)

II. God Will Reject Every Other Building Plan

A. The church can only prosper when it is built according to God’s plan. “According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, *I have laid the foundation*, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For *other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*” (1 CORINTHIANS 3:10-11)

B. Follow God’s plan and leave the worry to Him; God takes care of His workmen. “*It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.*” (PSALM 127:2)

C. Trust the Lord. “*I laid me down and slept, I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.*” (PSALM 3:5)

D. Nothing but trusting the Lord can work. “I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for *thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.*” (PSALM 4:8)

III. The Building Plan Applies to Families

A. Contrary to the philosophy of the age, children are a reward. “Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: *and the fruit of the womb is his reward.*” (PSALM 127:3)

B. God calls children assets rather than liabilities. “*As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.*” (PSALM 127:4)

C. The assets which the world seeks and for which worldly people sacrifice families come naturally to God’s people without that foolishness. “*Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.*” (PSALM 127:5)

D. Family lines bring dignity and honor. “*Children’s children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.*” (PROVERBS 17:6)

E. The summary description of the virtuous woman is demonstrated in the praise of her family. “*Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.*” (PROVERBS 31:28)

F. The church is God’s remedial family and those who do not have other families find them among the people of God. “*God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.*” (PSALM 68:6)

G. God knows how to bless faithful builders and He promises not to leave any of them out of His rewards. “And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, *There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel’s, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.*” (MARK 10:29-30)