

# IN GOD'S HOUSE

*Today we are going to look at the appreciation the Lord gives us about his house (family dwelling place). The concept of heaven (just another name for the dwelling place of God), is difficult to perceive because we are unable to see this place. God in his wisdom has given us through the appreciation of natural homes, an insight into what he is offering us. It is interesting to note that even God's household is run on very similar lines to ours. The following verses tie together the many different aspects that we can relate to about God and his habitation.*

**David reveals some powerful insight into this topic.**

**PSA 127:1** 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. *If we keep in mind that our bodies are the house (dwelling place) of our spirit (enlivened by the Holy Spirit) and we only have one house; then these verses are revealing a very clear statement. God is giving us a very clear parallel, with the hoped result that we will listen and respond.*

**2** 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. *You can't do it in your own strength...it has to be of God...use the miracle working power. We have entered into the Lord's rest. It is time for us to stop struggling.*

**3** Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. *Children are the Lord's reward. In the church, you and those to come are its reward. In your life; learning to use the gifts, developing the fruits of the Spirit...these are the offspring (growth) of the individual.*

**4** As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. *The children of the Lord's house are arrows (weapons) that guarantee the future of the house and the continuance of the family name. They are the house's protectors and keepers.*

**5** 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.

*Please note that the Lord has associated his house and its strength to the offspring that come from it. They are its future and are of great value but it must be built and directed by God.*

**Children need direction and care... so does the church.**

**JOB 5:17** Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty: *There is a tendency for children to abandon their homes when discipline and direction are upheld. The same mindset will also apply in all avenues of life and church... we need to stick with God.*

**18** For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole. *A broken bone needs to be set... pain and healing occur together. A boil needs to be lanced then it can be healed. God explains that his methods are not without their purpose.*

**19** He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee. *If we take direction, these are the things that God will protect us from...*

**20** In **famine** he shall redeem thee from death: and in **war** from the power of the sword.

**21** Thou shalt be hid from the **scourge of the tongue** (*gossip and slander*): neither shalt thou be **afraid** of destruction when it cometh. *Removal of fear... guarantee of protection.*

**22** At **destruction** and **famine** thou shalt **laugh** (*confidence*): neither shalt thou be afraid of the **beasts** of the earth. *These are the traits that God is teaching us... the skills that will grant us our safety and strength.*

**23** For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field: and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.

**24** And thou shalt know that thy tabernacle (*dwelling place*) shall be in peace; and thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not sin. *There will be no sin found in them... Your life and church will be perfect in the sight of God.*

**25** Thou shalt know also that thy seed shall be great, and thine offspring as the grass of the earth. *God offers prosperity for those who remain part of his house.*

**26** Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season. *Your life will be full of achievement and maturity.*

**27** Lo this, we have searched it, so it is; hear it, and know thou it for thy good. *This is the truth, according to Job's observations... no man faced temptation and threat as much as he. By reading these verses we know how he overcame his problems. These words were spoken as he endured his problems... they were spoken in faith. He was living in the household of God's word.*