

SCC MEN'S SATURDAY AM BIBLE STUDY
May 17, 2025 7:30 AM – Psalm 125, 126, 127

Psalm 125, 126, and 127 are part of the Songs of Ascents, a collection of psalms sung by pilgrims journeying to Jerusalem. Psalm 125 emphasizes the security of those who trust in the Lord, comparing them to Mount Zion, which stands firm and unshaken. Psalm 126 is a song of joy and restoration, celebrating God's faithfulness in bringing His people back from exile and expressing hope that sorrow will turn into joy. Psalm 127, attributed to Solomon, highlights the futility of human effort without God's blessing, stressing that true success—whether in building a home or raising a family—comes from reliance on Him.

What's There? - Searching the Scriptures

Psalm 125

- A. Why is a Mount Zion an apt metaphor for those who trust in the Lord (vv. 1-2)? How have you personally experienced the security that comes from trusting God?

- B. Compare and contrast those who trust in the Lord (vv. 1-2 and v. 4) with the evildoers in verse 3 and 5. What is the fate of each?

- C. Why might pilgrims on their way to worship in Jerusalem need to pray for God to “do good to those who are good” (v. 4)?

Psalm 126

- D. God had warned His people that they would be exiled from their land if they did not turn from their sins (see Jeremiah 7:3,13-15). How were God's mercy and judgment illustrated in the Israelites' captivity?

- E. What words and phrases in verses show how the people responded to their restoration? In what ways did they appreciate God's intervention?
- F. Can you think of any examples of "tearful sowing" (verse 5) either from Scripture or personal experience? What about examples of "joyful reaping"?

Psalm 127

- G. In light of verse 1, what does it look like practically for the Lord to build our houses and watch over our cities?
- H. In verses 3-5, the psalmist shifts his attention to children. How are children both a heritage and "arrows" in a quiver?
- I. How might children give their parents confidence to face their enemies (v. 5)? What does this imply about how parents should raise their children?

So What & What Now? - Applying the Scriptures

- A. What life situations tend to threaten your personal sense of security? How might trusting in Jesus change your perspective on such situations?
- B. How do you talk to your children or your family about spiritual things?