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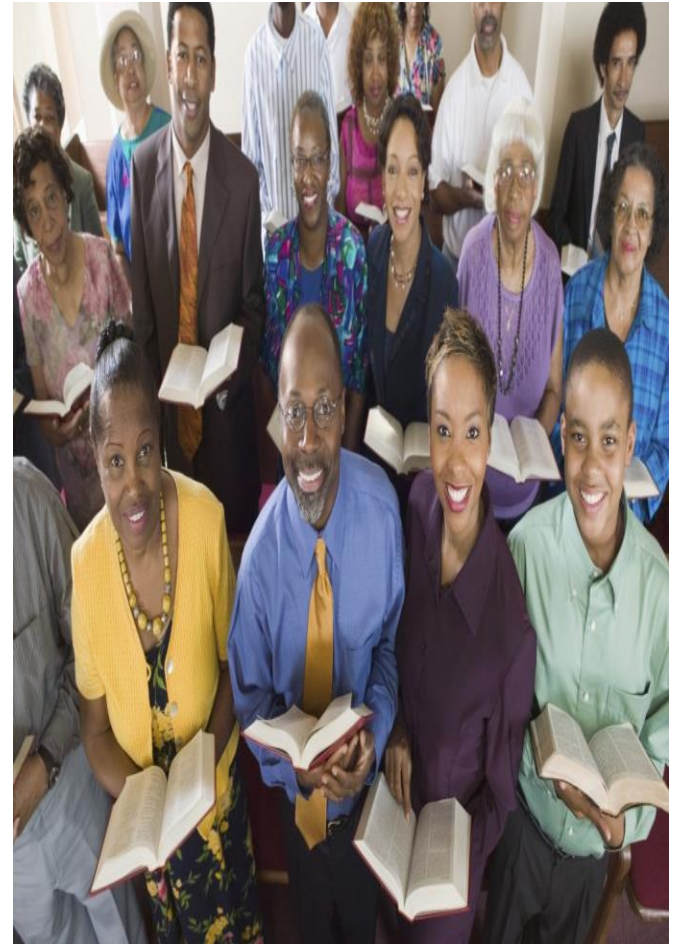
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Loving ...
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By the Word
of God***





LESSONS FROM THE WISDOM PSALMS

Psalm 127.

WITHOUT GOD WE CAN DO NOTHING

APART
FROM **ME,**
YOU **CAN**
DO
NOTHING.

(John 15:5)

Without the Spirit of
God, we can do
nothing. We are as
ships without wind.
We are useless.

Charles Spurgeon

INTRODUCTION

- You don't have to be "saved" to accomplish great things in life
 - Think about some great leaders, statesmen, activists, and philanthropist.
 - Think about some great educators, scientist, inventors, and explorers.
 - Think about some great businessmen, entertainers, sportsmen, and professionals in every field
 - Think about some great preachers, theologians, missionaries, and churches

- Even God Himself recognized the fact that man can accomplish anything that he puts his mind to do (cf., Gen.11:6).
- With the right amount money, knowledge, and circumstances, many of us can accomplish anything that we put our minds to.
- **Lesson:** Man can achieve great things, but unless God blesses his efforts, his endeavors are achieved in vain.
- Psalm 127 gives us 4 reasons why this is true.

ONLY THE LORD CAN TRULY BUILD THE HOUSE—TRUE PERSEVERANCE

- **THE TEXT:** Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it.



- **THE TEACHING:** Men are always building houses, but only God can make a house last forever!
 - **Fact #1:** The word “house” could apply to several things: a regular house; a family dynasty, i.e., the Smith house; a worship center, i.e., a house of worship.
 - **Fact #2:** Many of the houses, family dynasties, and even houses of worship that men have built, sooner or later lie in ruins.
- **THE THOUGHT:** Only God can truly build a house that will stand the test of time--true perseverance (e.g., He does this with men and women whose lives are in obedience and harmony with Him)!!

ONLY THE LORD CAN KEEP THE CITY— TRUE PROTECTION

- **THE TEXT:** Except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain (i.e., stays awake in vain)

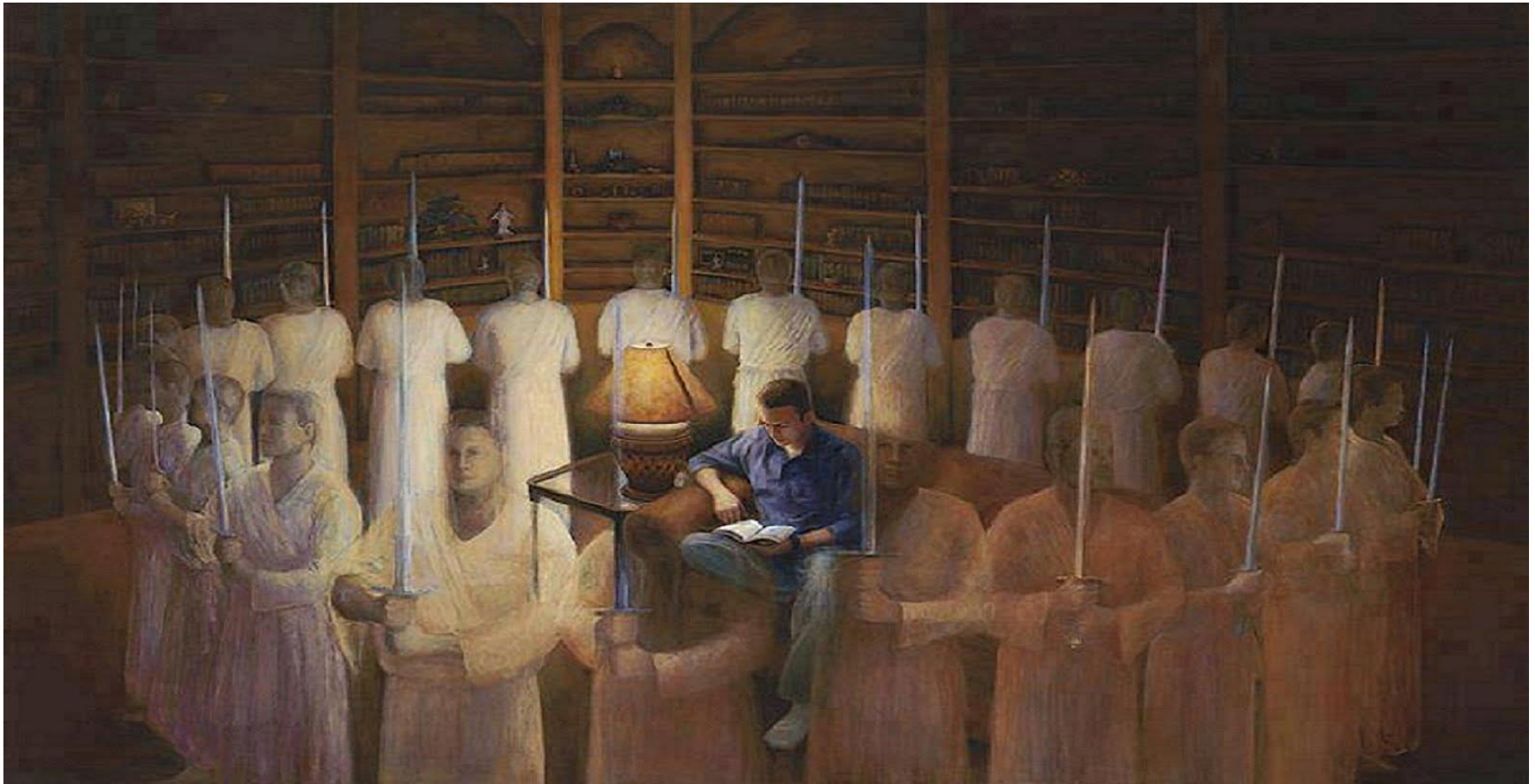


- **THE TEACHING:** Men are always attempting to protect themselves, but only God can give true protection.
 - **Fact #1:** Men attempt to “guard” themselves from the possibility of an invading enemy (e.g., with the use of natural shelter such as mountains, hills, and rivers; and with the use of man-made defenses such as the latest scientific and technological weapons, and the army, navy, air force, and marines).



- **Fact #2:** Men attempt to “**guard**” themselves from the possibility of evil from his fellow man (e.g., with the police, the FBI, the CIA and other agencies).
- **Fact #3:** Men attempt to “**guard**” themselves from the possibility of personal loss due to a natural or man-made disaster (e.g., with insurance: life, auto, health, accident, disability, and even mortgage insurance; with fire fighters and first responders).
- **Fact #4:** Men attempt to “**guard**” themselves from false teachings and dangerous ideals that would destroy them morally, emotionally, and physically (e.g., schools, churches, religious organization)

- **THE THOUGHT:** Only the Lord can defend and protect the city (e.g., He does this by using strong mature men and women whose lives are in obedience and harmony with Him)!



ONLY THE LORD CAN GIVE A GOOD NIGHTS SLEEP--TRUE PEACE

- **THE TEXT:** It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows:



- **THE TEACHING:** Men and women are always worrying and fretting about maintaining the life they have, the things they have built, or the things they obtained and gained.
 - **Question:** Why would someone rise up early and sit up late?
 - **Answer:** He is working hard in his attempt to maintain all that he has--and at the same time, he is dealing with fear, stress, burnout, and worry.
 - **Note:** Worry is a misuse of imagination!
 - It never changes an outcome
 - It zaps one of strength
 - It robs one of joy

- **THE THOUGHT:** Only the Lord can give us real peace of mind and heart (e.g., He does this by defeating worry and anxiety with confidence and trust in Him).



Certainly He gives sleep to the one He loves. Ps 127:2

ONLY THE CAN GIVE THE PROPER MIND SET OF A STRONG FAMILY HERITAGE--TRUE PROSPECTIVE

- **THE TEXT:** Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward.



- **THE TEACHING:** Children are NOT punishments from God but prospects from God upon which to build a better society (e.g., in them we invest, influence and instruct the next generation)
 - **Fact #1:** Children are a **heritage** and a **reward** from the Lord (I.e., they are not an accident or an inconvenience but an opportunity to build a strong family which will in turn make a strong community)
 - This does not mean that if you don't have children that God has withheld His blessings from you or is displeased with you—so don't allow the devil to put guilt in your mind.
 - This does not mean that you will have perfect children—children are raised by imperfect parents who live in an imperfect world (e.g., your children will make mistakes and disappoint both you and the Lord)

- **Fact #2:** Children are like arrows in the hand of a warrior (I.e., they are the “ammunition” used to battle the evils and injustice of society)
- **Fact #3:** Children, raised well, will be able to take a strong stand in society, even against injustice and moral decay.



- **THE THOUGHT:** Only the Lord can give us a proper mind set on the importance of a strong family heritage (e.g., He does this by allowing us to see the value of raising children)
 - We do not live for ourselves alone, nor do we live in a vacuum.
 - Each one of us plays an important part in investing in the next generation.
 - Only the Lord can give us this proper perspective

A CHALLENGE FOR YOU:

IS GOD BLESSING YOUR ENDEAVORS?

Is the Lord building your house?

Is the Lord guarding your city?

Is the Lord giving you a peaceful sleep?

Is the Lord giving you a proper mind set?

May the LORD **Bless** you
& keep you.

May the LORD make his face to
shine upon you
& be **gracious** unto you.

May the LORD lift his
countenance upon you
& give you **peace.**
NUMBERS 6:24-26 **amen**

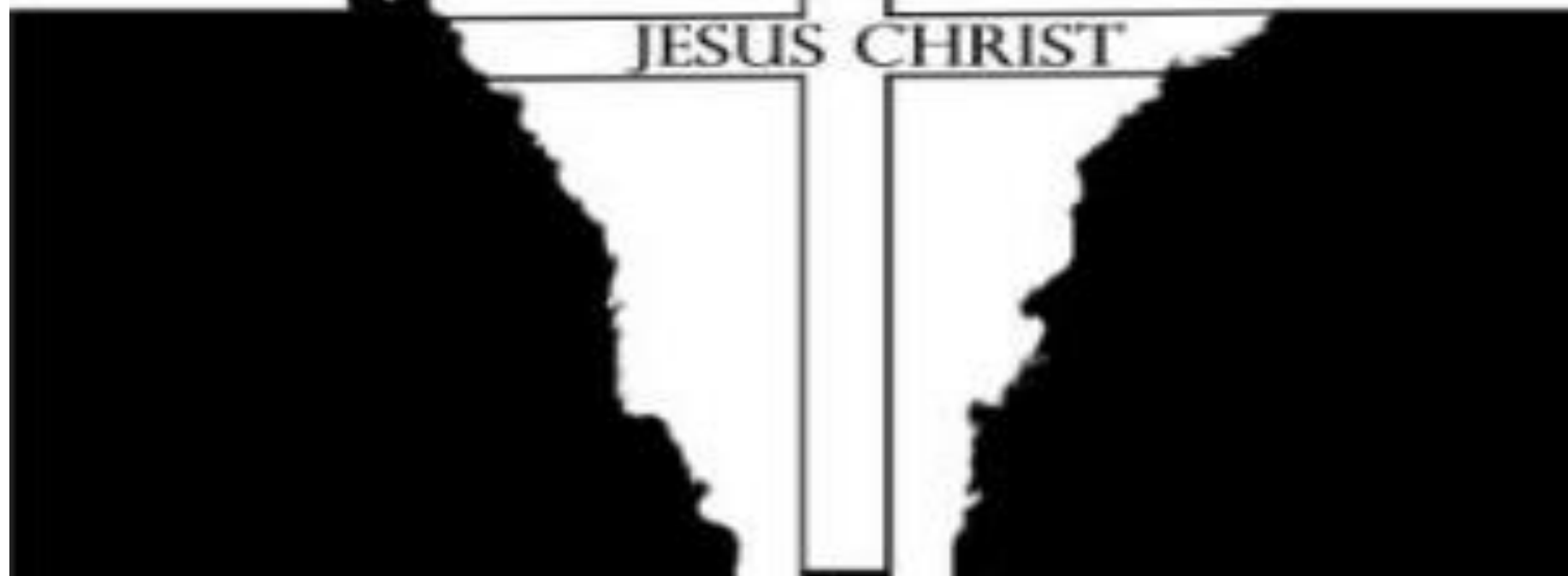
RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR
SAVIOUR TODAY!!



GOD HAS PROVIDED THE
ONLY WAY...WE MUST MAKE
THE CHOICE



JESUS CHRIST



1. **Acknowledge** that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died on the cross for your sin, and that He arose again from the dead on the third day.
2. **Admit** that you are a sinner, **guilty** of sin and **responsible** and **accountable** to a holy God for your sin, and that you are under His just condemnation and eternal punishment for your sin.
3. **Affirm** that the Lord Jesus Christ is your Lord and Saviour by **receiving** His provision of salvation through your faith in Him alone.