



Part 2: Security Systems

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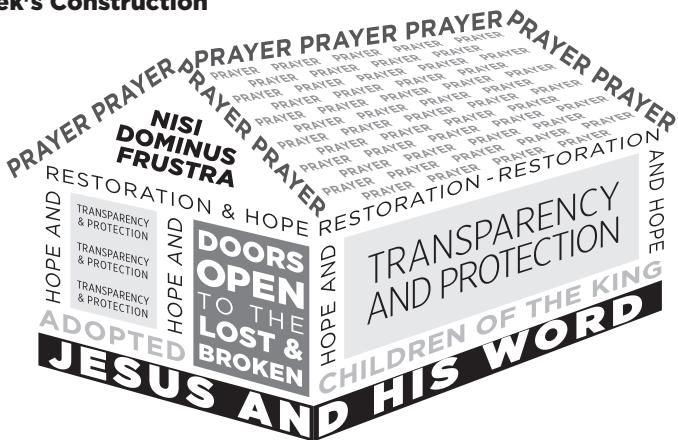
Psalm 127

A song of ascents. Of Solomon.

¹Unless the Lord builds the house,
the builders labor in vain.
Unless the Lord watches over the city,
the guards stand watch in vain.
²In vain you rise early
and stay up late,
toiling for food to eat—
for he grants sleep to those he loves.

³Children are a heritage from the Lord,
offspring a reward from him.
⁴Like arrows in the hands of a warrior
are children born in one's youth.
⁵Blessed is the man
whose quiver is full of them.
They will not be put to shame
when they contend with their
opponents in court.

Last Week's Construction



This Week's Focus

Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.

The point(s): We are not our own security

God provides protection

God's protection is available but not assumed

Solomon's Prayer over the House that God Built

(2 Chronicles 6:14-42)

God's house is secure because God is...

Worthy of praise (verse 14)

Taking up primary residence (verse 18)

Listening (verse 19b)

Watching with spiritual sight (verse 20)

Covering with his name (verse 20)

Dispensing divine judgment (verse 23)

Choosing to forgive (verse 25)

Choosing to share wisdom (verse 27b)

Providing protection (verses 28-31)

Open to welcoming those far from God (verses 32-33 and 42)

Desiring repentance (verses 37-39)

God's Answer to His Lead Architect

I have heard your prayer... if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. - *2 Chronicles 7:14*

Next Steps

Spiritual Health Self-Assessment – Get a clearer picture of where you are on your journey of growth. Take the Spiritual Health Self-Assessment online at ctkbellingham.com/spiritualhealth or pick up a paper copy at the Connection Point today.

Small Group Questions

- 1) Have you ever participated in building a home? What did you learn? If not, have you ever renovated a home? What did you learn?
- 2) How do you secure your home? How about your car? Can you find any spiritual lessons from how you secure your life?
- 3) The prayer of Solomon teaches us more of who God is. Who is Jesus to you?
- 4) Read 2 Chronicles 7:14 out loud. Which of the loving commands do you need to do right now? (Be named, humble yourself, pray, seek God's face, or turn.)
- 5) Have you done the spiritual health assessment? How about now?
- 6) What do you need prayer for today?