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God in Everyday Life

Psalms Series

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A SONG OF ASCENTS.
OF SOLOMON.

1. See _____ (v.1)

1 Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. **2** It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep. **3** Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. **4** Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. **5** Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.
(ESV)

2. Work _____ (vv.3-5)

3. Be _____ (v.2)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Psalm 33:16-18**. What are some of the indicators that your hope and trust have shifted (or are shifting) from God to the tangible things that the world trusts in for security and success in your daily work?
2. Read **Proverbs 6:6-11**. Have you ever been tempted to use the call to "trust God" as an excuse for laziness? In what areas of your life has this happened?
3. Read **Acts 17:24-25** and **Deuteronomy 8:17-18**. As you go about your daily tasks, what are some of the practical ways you can remind yourself that you are in reality utterly dependent on God?
4. Read **Genesis 30:1-2**. How might the frequency of infertility in the Bible (e.g., Abraham & Sarah, Zechariah & Elizabeth, Elkanah & Hannah, Manoah & his wife, et al.) influence the thoughts and prayers of infertile Christian couples today, as well as the thoughts and prayers of Christian parents who have been graciously granted children?
5. Read **Ephesians 6:4**. While all parents must profoundly depend on God for the growth, protection and spiritual development of their children, what are some of the substantial efforts involved in the correction and direction of our kids?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Though the Bible) for schedule prompts.

July 29th

Ps.56-58 & Ac.28:1-15

July 30th

Ps.59-61 & Ac.28:16-31

July 31st

Ps.62-64 & Ro.1

August 1st

Ps.65-67 & Ro.2

August 2nd

Ps.68-69 & Ro.3

August 3rd

Ps.70-72 & Ro.4

August 4th

Ps.73-74 & Ro.5

August 5th

Ps.75-77 & Ro.6

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

CD # 1033 – **Strategic Rest & a Godly Work Ethic**

CD # 0924 – **Faith, Stress, & Money: Rethinking Biblical Faith in a Down Economy**

CD # 0714 – **Trusting God Enough to Give Him Our Best**

CD # 0721 – **Trusting God When Your Back's Against the Wall**

CD # 0917 – **The Unpleasant Task of Correcting Our Children**

CD # 0918 – **Strategically Training & Directing Our Children**

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Adams, Jay. **Christian Living in the Home**. P & R Publishing, 1989.

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Ray, Bruce. **Withhold Not Correction**. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1978.

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Sherman, Doug and William Hendricks. **Your Work Matters to God**. NavPress, 1987.

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