

## LESSONS FROM PSALMS ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX

Scripture: Psalms 126:16

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### Introduction:

- A. No one knows for sure whom the Spirit of God used to write this Psalm. But it must have been one of the Prophets who had been in captivity with Israel.
- B. Zion seems always to refer to a city...the city of God...
- C. We must remember that a city is made up of people. The buildings are where the people who make up the city live and work.
- D. This Psalm contains some very good spiritual lessons.

### I. LEARN THAT THERE WAS A TIME WHEN ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE WERE HELD IN CAPTIVITY TO SIN.

- A. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.
- B. There is none righteous, no not one.
- C. Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

### II. LEARN THAT IT IS THE LORD WHO HAS TURNED HIS PEOPLE FROM SIN'S CAPTIVITY. vs. 1, 4

- A. This writer knew that freedom from captivity came from the Lord's mighty hand.
- B. How hard most of us worked to free ourselves from the bondage of sin...only to find that we failed time and again.
- C. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32..."If the Son therefore shall make you free, Ye shall be free indeed."

### III. LEARN THAT DELIVERANCE FROM THE BONDAGE OF SIN FILLS OUR SOULD WITH LAUGHTER AND SINGING. Vs. 2, 3

- A. Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with singing.
- B. Acts 8:39 The eunuch when on his way rejoicing.
- C. Our own testimony is the same...We may have cried, but they were tears of joy.

### IV. LEARN THAT THE LOST WORLD WILL TAKE NOTE OF THE CHANGE GOD MAKES IN THE LIVES OF THOSE TRULY DELIVERED FROM THE BONDAGE OF SIN. v. 2

- A. Then said they among the heathen, "The Lord hath done great things for them."
- B. My testimony is the same...those with whom I had practiced sin, saw the difference in my life.
- C. If there is not a noticeable difference in our lives, we should not expect people to take our claim to salvation seriously.

### V. LEARN THAT DELIVERANCE FROM THE BONDAGE OF SIN FREES US FOR SERVICE TO GOD. vs. 5, 6

- A. v. 6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed...This is a call to sow...to go forth to sow.
- B. vs. 5, 6 The attitude in which we are to sow is in sorrow for those still held in captivity to sin.
- C. In a parable, Jesus told us much about this need.
  1. The field is the world.
  2. The seed is the Word of God...the gospel of Christ.
- D. The Great Commission Jesus left for this church, our own church is to GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO ALL PEOPLE, make disciples, baptize them and teach them to observe all things He commanded us.
- E. Barry Goldwater said, "The political battles of this generation will be won on the doorsteps."
- F. We must go into the world if we are to sow the seed of God's Word in the minds of those still held in captivity to sin.

### VI. LEARN THAT SERVICE TO GOD IS AN INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY.

- A. v. 6 "He that..." "bringing his sheaves with him."

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- B. Eph. 2:10 “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”
  - 1. Each person is created in Christ Jesus. God saves individuals. He does not save classes.
  - 2. Thus, each person is created unto a good work that only he can do...No one can do my work. If I don't do it, it will not get done.

### VII. LEARN THAT OUR GOD HAS PROMISED A JOYFUL HARVEST.

- A. v. 5 “shall reap in joy.”
- B. v. 6 “shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him”
- C. Next to being saved, there is no greater joy than sowing the gospel seed and witnessing someone saved out of the bondage of sin.