



Dreams Come True When God Does It Again!

Lesson 9 • Psalm 126

Where Are We On Our Journey to Joy?

- **MOUNT ZION** is now in view as we study the 7th of the 15 Psalms of Ascents! We are making progress in our journey to joy! We have come further up and further in to the point that we begin to see the city of David and the Temple of the living God on top of Mount Zion!

Overview of the Song's Structure: The Lament of a Faithful Community that Wants to See God to Do It Again!

PRAISING the LORD for RESTORATION in the Past: *Partial restoration in the past was like a dream come true!* (vv. 1-3)

PRAYING to the LORD for RESTORATION in the Future: *Final restoration in the future comes from God but requires us to do our part.* (vv. 4-6)

Dreams Will Come True, When God Does It Again... and Again...Until the End!

Revelation 21:1-14; Hebrews 12:22-24

- On an **INDIVIDUAL LEVEL**, the dream **begins to come true** when the Lord first redeems us and we are born again from above having repented of our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Lord and Savior!
- On a **UNIVERSAL LEVEL** the dream will **fully come true** in the future when God finally restores all things and Jesus' Kingdom comes and His will is done on earth as it is in heaven!

The Greatest Joy and Deepest Concern of God's People

1. OUR GREATEST JOY: PRAISING God for the reality of our redemption in the past. Psalm 126:1-3

- Our redemption is a **REALITY** that is better than a fantasy! (v. 1)

Two Reasons Why Redemption Is a Reality Better than Fantasy

- 1) The LORD does what **ONLY** He can do but what every person was created to experience!
- 2) The LORD works according to His **PROMISES** revealed in His Word, not according to man-made religion or human speculation!

- Our redemption results in a **JOY** that can't be silenced or denied! (vv. 2-3)

- 1) A **DEEP** joy. "Then our mouth was filled with laughter"

2) A **LOUD** joy. *“And our tongue with joyful shouting;”*

3) A **UNDENIABLE** joy. *“Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”*

4) A **BOLD** joy. *“The LORD has done great things for us; We are glad.”*

2. OUR DEEPEST CONCERN: **PLEADING** with God for the final restoration of others in the future. Psalm 126:4-6

Two Ways Our Greatest Joy Leads to Our Deepest Concern for Others

- We **PRAY** for the *divine miracle* of people from every unreached people group being redeemed. (v. 4)

- We **PARTICIPATE** in the *human means* of everyone going everywhere with the Gospel. (vv. 5-6)

Getting the Gospel Here, There, and Everywhere

1) We have a **RESPONSIBILITY** to go everywhere sowing the seed of the Gospel with weeping!

Because we have...

A Gospel Mandate that commands us to go everywhere to reach everyone in every people group!

A Gospel Message that says everyone everywhere is a sinner in need of a Sovereign Savior!

*A Gospel Mediator who is **the WAY**, **the TRUTH**, and **the LIFE**, so **NO ONE** comes to Father except through Him!*

Because the Bible does *not* teach...

Universalism which says everyone will be saved in the end!

Inclusivism which says everyone will be saved through Jesus eventually!

Annihilationism which says no one will suffer forever in eternity but will simply cease to exist!

2) We have **ROLES** that everyone can fulfill!

Going & Sending

Praying & Giving

Welcoming & Mobilizing

Persevere in Praising and Pleading Until the LORD Brings Final Restoration in the Future!

Keep on praising the LORD for the greatest joy in all the world and keep on pleading with Him to do it again...and again... until the end...when every people group will be gathered around His throne in Zion!

Application for Going Further Up, Further In

- Have you personally experienced the greatest joy in all the world? The reality of salvation in the LORD is better than the world's fantasies!
- Do you rejoice in your salvation with a joy that is deep, loud, undeniable, and bold? If not, why not? What needs to change?
- Do you share with people you interact with on a daily basis how the LORD has made your dream of restoration come true? How could you share with someone this week how “the LORD has done great things” for you?
- Are you sowing the seed of the Gospel with weeping over the lost? Do you know where you fit into “everyone going everywhere” with the Gospel? Let's get ready together for the 2016 World Outreach Celebration, October 19-23!