

## **A Study of the Wisdom Literature (OT Survey Lesson 266—Psalms 125-128)**

**Introduction:** As we continue the study of the various “psalms of ascents” we should be impressed with how the psalmists review the wonderful blessings of God. Such psalms remind us of the prosperity of those who fear and trust the Lord.

**Lesson aim:** To appreciate the blessing of the righteous as a preparation for worship.

### **A psalm teaching the blessedness of those who trust in the Lord—Psalm 125:1-5**

1. What does the psalmist affirm about those who trust in the Lord? (v. 1)
2. How is the Lord like the mountain that surrounded Jerusalem? (v. 2) Consequently what did the psalmist say “the scepter of wickedness” would not do? (v. 3)
3. What does the psalmist ask God to do for the righteous? (v. 4) What does he affirm God will do to the wicked? (v. 5)
4. What blessing does the psalmist pray for his people? (v. 5)

### **A psalm of hope based on wonderful memories of the past—Psalm 126:1-6**

1. How did the psalmist express the feelings of the people “when the Lord brought back the captive ones of Zion”? (v. 1-3) What did the nations say?
2. Now the psalmist once again asks God to do what? (v. 4)
3. Was the psalmist optimistic that the Lord would bring deliverance? (v. 5-6) How did he express it?

## **A psalm declaring dependence upon the Lord for prosperity in all life's activities—Psalm 127:1-5**

1. How does the psalmist suggest our dependence upon God in building? In our quest for security or protection? (v. 1)
2. Upon what can we not totally depend for our material possessions? (v. 2) The man who trusts in God may receive from God even while he does what?
3. From what source come our children? (v. 3) To what are these children compared? (v. 4) What do you think is the point of that metaphor?
4. Why is the man who has many children blessed? (v. 5)

## **A psalm declaring the blessings of those who fear God—Psalm 128:1-6**

1. What does the psalmist say is the key to blessedness? (v. 1) How does this blessedness manifest itself personally? (v. 2)
2. How is God's blessings of the righteous seen in his home? (v. 3-4)
3. The blessing of which the psalmist speaks comes from the godly man's association with what place? (v. 5)
4. What wish does he express for the godly person? (v. 6) For the nation as a whole?