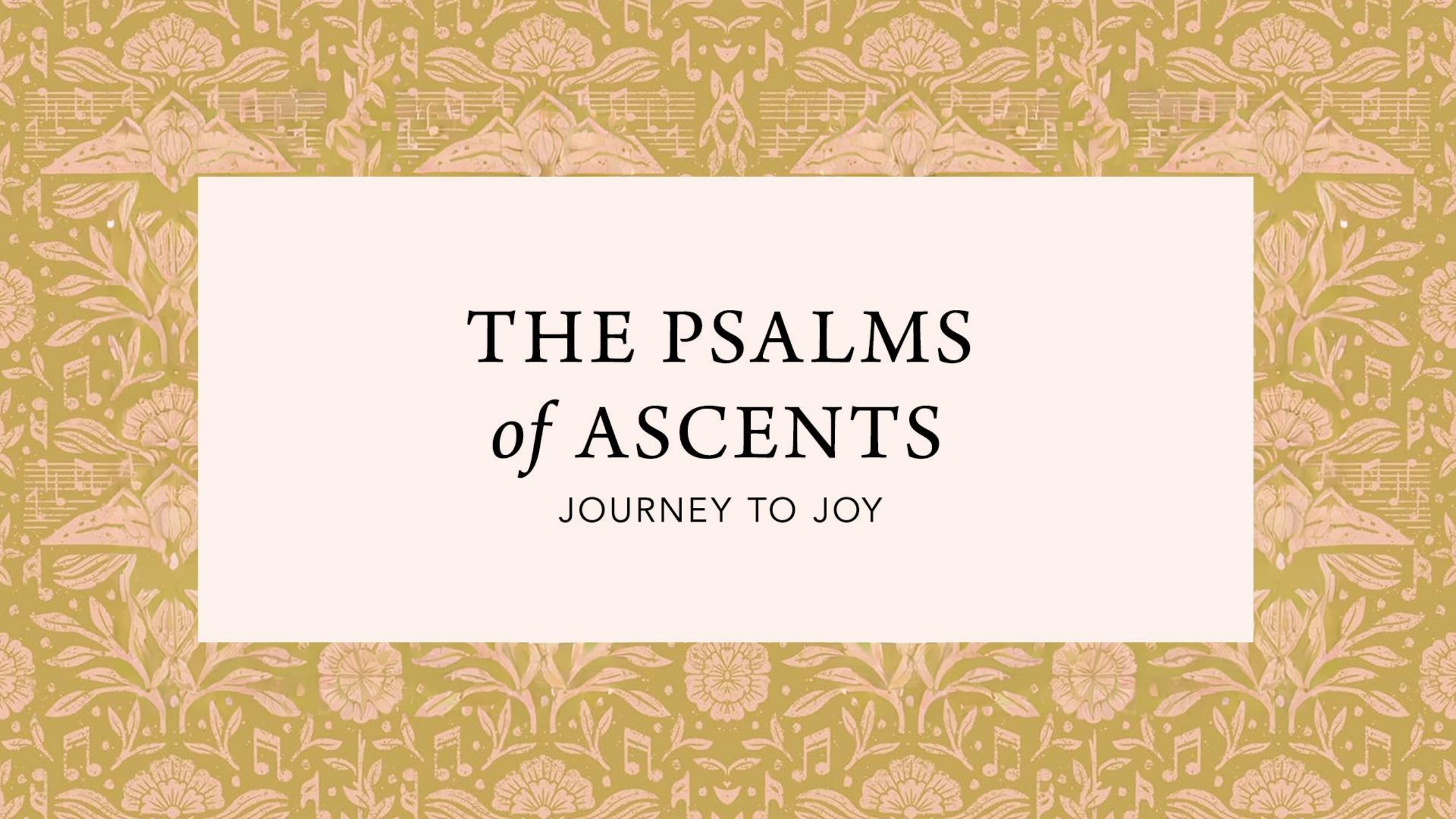


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Psalms 127 & 128

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Psalms 127 & 128 Outline

- I. Psalm 127:1-2 - Effective Working and Warring
- II. Psalm 127:3-5 - Effective Leading and Legacy
- III. Psalm 128:1-6 - Blessings of Fear of the Lord



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Psalm 127:1-2 - Effective Working and Warring

“Unless the Lord **builds** the house,
those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the Lord **watches** over the city,
the watchmen stays awake in vain.

It is in *vain* you *rise up early* and *go late to rest*,
eating the bread of *anxious toil*;
for he gives to his beloved *sleep*.”



Nehemiah

- Doesn't set out on his own in PRIDE
- Doesn't sit paralyzed in FEAR
- Starts with PRAYER and then gets on to Working and Warring to build the wall
- Repairs the Gates First
- Prays and Posts Guards
- Assigns Workers & Watchers
- Equips all with tools in one hand and sword in the other

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Psalm 127:3-5 - Effective Leading & Legacy

“Behold, **children** are a **heritage** from the Lord,
the *fruit* of the womb a *reward*.

Like *arrows* in the hands of a *warrior*
are the children of one’s youth.

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.*”





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Psalm 128:1-6 - Generational Blessings of Fearing God

“Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways.

You shall eat the fruit of your labor of your hands;
you shall be blessed and it shall be well with you.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots - around your table.

Behold, Thus shall the man blessed who fears the Lord.

The Lord bless you from Zion!

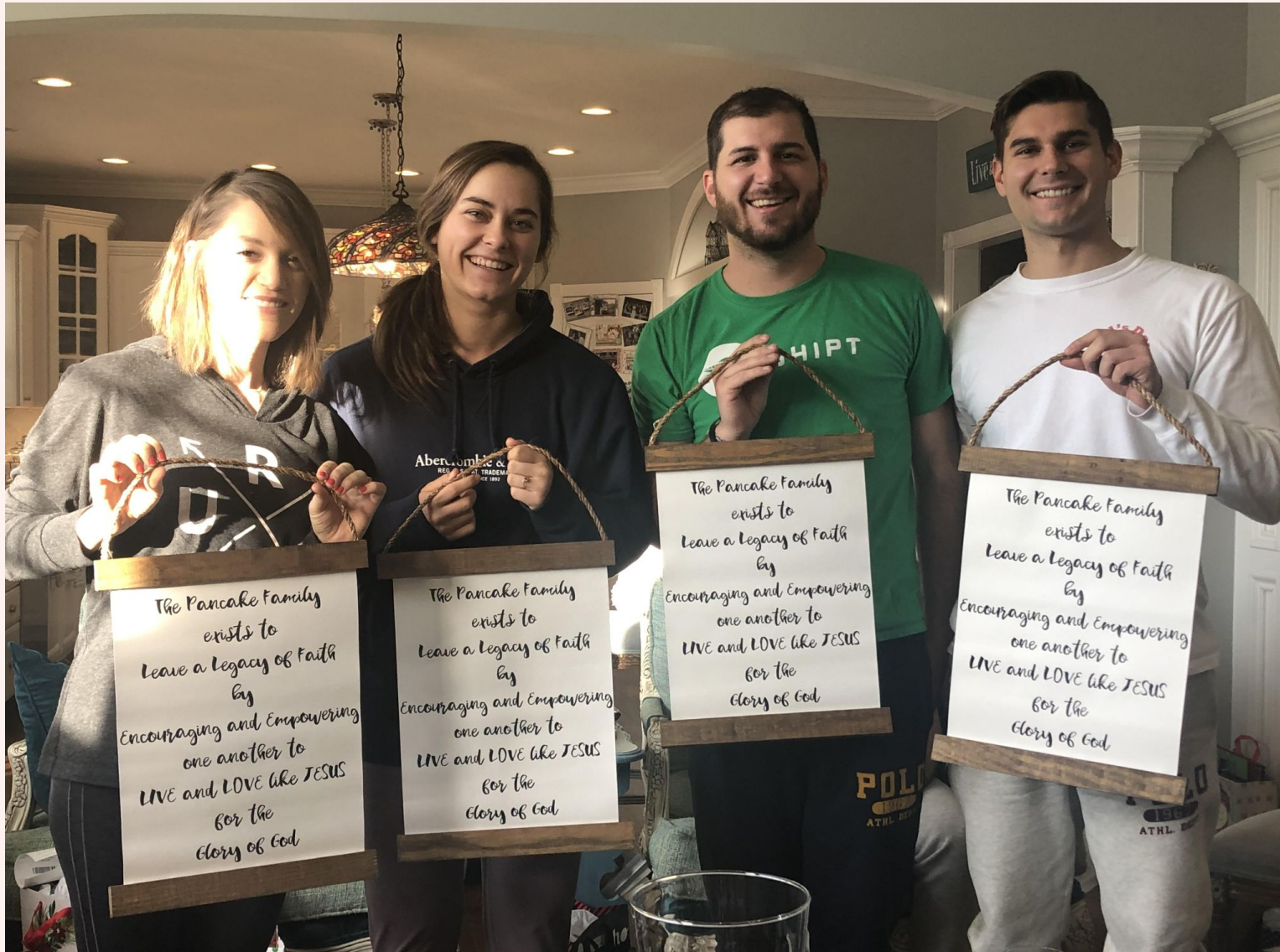
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!

May you see your children's children!

Peace be upon Israel.”







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Working and Warring for Holy Homes without Wisdom is Worthless

- Are we working and warring without God? out of a Godless Faith?
- Or are we working in anxiety falsely still believing “if it is to be it’s up to me?”

OR

Are we choosing to give God His weight - Working and Warring and Walking in a way that allows for Him to move us toward our target of Holy Homes and Spiritual Legacy?