

Psalm 127

John Goss (1800-1880)



1. Unless the LORD | builds the | house, *
their labor | is in | vain who | build it.
2. Unless the LORD watches | over • the | city, *
in vain the | watchman | keeps his | vigil.
3. It is in vain that you rise so early and go to | bed so | late; *
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil, for he gives to | his be- | lovèd | sleep.
4. Children are a heritage | from the | LORD, *
and the | fruit • of the | womb • is a | gift.
5. Like arrows in the | hand • of a | warrior *
are the | children | of one's | youth.
6. Happy is the man who has his | quiver | full of them! *
he shall not be put to shame when he contends with his e- | nemies | in the | gate.