Psalm 127

A Song of Degrees by Solomon

King James Version (KJV)

- **127** Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.
- ² It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep. (Working very hard and long in the world reaps the bread of sorrows of the world, yet the LORD gives peaceful sleep to those who love Him. Bad translation)
- ³Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.
- ⁴As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. (Children are the strength of a young man)
- ⁵ Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate. (Hezekiah still had no heir at this time)

The only Song of Degrees written by Solomon, divides the songs of degrees in 2 portions. This song is also a reflection of the Book of Ecclesiastes.