

Psalm 127

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5	The Hebrew את word does not have a corresponding word in English. In Hebrew, it is a marker of the accusative, i.e. the word following it is the object of the sentence. For example, in Genesis 1:1 the word is preceded by בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים (אֲשֶׁפְתּוּ מֵהֶם לֹא יֵבֶשׁוּ כִּי יִדְבְּרוּ אֶת אוֹיְבָיִם בְּשָׁעַר

ESV

1	A SONG OF ASCENTS. OF SOLOMON. Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.
2	It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.
3	Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.
4	Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.
5	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.

NIV

1	Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.
2	In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat- for he grants sleep to those he loves.
3	Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from him.
4	Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons born in one's youth.
5	Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their enemies in the gate.

NLT

1	Unless the LORD builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted. Unless the LORD protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good.
2	It is useless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat; for God gives rest to his loved ones.

3	Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him.
4	Children born to a young man are like arrows in a warrior's hands.
5	How joyful is the man whose quiver is full of them! He will not be put to shame when he confronts his accusers at the city gates. A song for pilgrims ascending to Jerusalem.

LXX

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KJV

1	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.
3	Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.
4	As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.

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