

**The Songs of Ascent
JOY**

Psalm 126
December 18, 2022

Joy is the evidence of a soul that is rooted in God.

I. A HISTORICAL LESSON

126:1-3
Cyrus 538 BC

II. A LANGUAGE LESSON

126:4

A. Parallelism

- Turn Again

v. 1 **PAST**

v. 4 **PRESENT**

B. Literal and Figurative language

- Captivity

v. 1 **EXILES**

v. 4 **FORTUNES**

- Negev

Emotional **DROUGHT**

III. A SPIRITUAL LESSON

126:5-6

- The Seed

v. 5 **GOD**

- The Sheaves

v. 6 **JOY**

The prayer: LORD, restore our Joy in you.

PERSEVERING SAINTS

Building a resilient faith through the repetition of truth.

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Psalm 120-134

Introduction	Jeremiah 12:1-5	November 13
OBEDIENCE <i>(Thanksgiving)</i>	Psalm 132	November 20
HOPE <i>(Advent Week 1, Adam, Hope)</i>	Psalm 130	November 27
WORK <i>(Advent Week 2, Abraham, Promise)</i>	Psalm 127	December 4
SECURITY <i>(Advent Week 3, Love, Angels)</i>	Psalm 125	December 11
JOY <i>(Advent Week 4, Joy, Shepherds)</i>	Psalm 126	December 18
HAPPINESS <i>(Christmas)</i>	Psalm 128	December 25
REPENTANCE <i>(New Years Day)</i>	Psalm 120	January 1
PROVIDENCE <i>(Epiphany January 6)</i>	Psalm 121	January 8
WORSHIP	Psalm 122	January 15
SERVICE	Psalm 123	January 22
HELP	Psalm 124	January 29
PERSEVERANCE	Psalm 129	February 5
COMMUNITY	Psalm 133	February 12
HUMILITY <i>(Ash Wednesday, February 22)</i>	Psalm 131	February 19
BLESSING	Psalm 134	February 26

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