

**The Songs of Ascent  
HAPPINESS**

Psalm 128  
December 25, 2022

*The Nativity: an invasion of Happiness.*

**I. HAPPINESS IS THE NORMAL CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE**

No longer at cross purposes with God.

**II. AN ILLUSTRATION OF HAPPINESS**

The illustration is descriptive, not prescriptive.

It describes **FRUITFULNESS** :  
the result of interaction with God.

**III. HAPPINESS AND THE SUCCESS OF THE INVASION**

**PEACE** in Perspective.  
Yours, Ours, and Theirs.

*We experience happiness in direct proportion  
to our participation in the invasion of God  
initiated by the birth of the Prince of Peace.*

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

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"A Long Obedience in the Same Direction" by Eugene Peterson  
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