

To understand Psalm 126, it is important to remember that it was probably composed in the period following the exile. It speaks to us today. The first 3 verses tell of how great things once WERE. The last 3 verses tell of God's promise that they will be good again and even better than before.

We are told that times of misfortune and sadness do not last. God will turn our distress to happiness and our weeping to glee.

Psalm 126

A song of ascents.

¹When the Lord restored the fortunes of^[a] Zion,
we were like those who dreamed.^[b]

²Our mouths were filled with laughter,
our tongues with songs of joy.

Then it was said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

³The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.

⁴Restore our fortunes,^[c] Lord,
like streams in the Negev.

⁵Those who sow with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping,
carrying seed to sow,
will return with songs of joy,
carrying sheaves with them.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, the psalmist gave hope to those in his world. Those words of your promise assure us in this advent season. Thank you for your promise. Amen

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