*From the Pastor’s desk:*

**WE ARE LIKE THEM THAT DREAM**

“When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.” **(Psalm 126:1 KJV)**

Psalm 126 appears to be an inspirational song, sung by the returnees from the Babylonian captivity. It is both a hymn of thanksgiving for restoration to Zion and a prayer for restored prosperity.

Imagine a people delivered from where all hope and aspirations had been lost! No wonder they needed the surrounding nations to first recognise the great things God did before it dawned on them! Verse two states, “.... then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.”

The implication of that verse is that the Chaldeans, amongst whom the people of God had been taken captives, saw the hand of God in their deliverance. They perhaps wondered, *“How on earth could Cyrus, an unbeliever, the King of Persia, involve himself so much in the deliverance of these people!? What was his motive? What did he stand to gain? Has he any reward in sight? Leaders want more people to govern. Why would King Cyrus just declare deliverance for these people?*

Cyrus’ notion was quite strange: *“Let them go. Send them into their land to rebuild their temple.”* He ordered men to help them and to return the vessels of the Lord’s house, taken away by the king of Babylon **(Ezra 1:1)**. The Bible says, he made that proclamation and put it into writing. Wow! It is only God Almighty who could save in this manner.

But you need to realise that God had already gone ahead of them. So, the battle was won. Even to the delivered, it didn’t appear real at the initial stage. Verse one is a true confession. “We were like them that dream.”

I pray you come to the realisation of what God has done for you. As you have sowed in tears, you are doubtless divinely positioned to reap in joy. Situations that caused you pain in the past will henceforth bring you joy. At your deliverance, you and the surrounding nations will testify, “We are like them that dream.” So shall it be in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.