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Unless the LORD builds

1 Un - less the LORD builds up the house, its
 2 In vain you rise be - fore the dawn and
 3 Sons are a pre - cious her - i - tage, a

build - ers toil in vain; un - less he keeps the
 late hours vain - ly keep that you may toil for
 bless - ing from the LORD; the chil - dren that are

cit - y safe, they vain - ly watch main - tain.
 food to eat - he gives his loved ones sleep.
 born to us are tru - ly his re - ward.

4 Like arrows in a warrior's hand
 are children of one's youth.
 The man whose quiver's full of them
 is blest by God in truth.

5 Such men will not be put to shame –
 that will not be their fate –
 when they contend against their foes
 who face them in the gate.