**Psalm 126**

**1**When the Lord restored the fortunes of[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+126&version=NIV#fen-NIV-16117a)] Zion,  
    we were like those who dreamed.[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+126&version=NIV#fen-NIV-16117b)]  
**2**Our 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.”  
**3**The Lord has done great things for us,  
    and we are filled with joy.

**4**Restore our fortunes,[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+126&version=NIV#fen-NIV-16120c)] Lord,  
    like streams in the Negev.  
**5**Those who sow with tears  
    will reap with songs of joy.  
**6**Those who go out weeping,  
    carrying seed to sow,  
will return with songs of joy,  
    carrying sheaves with them.

**Old Testament Reading - Jeremiah 31:7-9**

**7**This is what the Lord says:

“Sing with joy for Jacob;  
    shout for the foremost of the nations.  
Make your praises heard, and say,  
    ‘Lord, save your people,  
    the remnant of Israel.’  
**8**See, I will bring them from the land of the north  
    and gather them from the ends of the earth.  
Among them will be the blind and the lame,  
    expectant mothers and women in labor;  
    a great throng will return.  
**9**They will come with weeping;  
    they will pray as I bring them back.  
I will lead them beside streams of water  
    on a level path where they will not stumble,  
because I am Israel’s father,  
    and Ephraim is my firstborn son.

**Epistle Reading – Hebrews 7:23-28**

**23**Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; **24**but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. **25**Therefore he is able to save completelythose who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

**26**Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. **27**Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. **28**For the law appoints as high priests men in all their weakness; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.

**Gospel Reading – Mark 10:46-52**

**Blind Bartimaeus Receives His Sight**

**46**Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging. **47**When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

**48**Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

**49**Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”

So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” **50**Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

**51**“What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

**52**“Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.