Leader: 1 Except Jehovah build the house,

They labor in vain that build it:

Except Jehovah keep the city,

The watchman waketh but in vain.

Answer: **2 It is vain for you to rise up early,**

**To take rest late,**

**To eat the bread of toil;**

***For* so He giveth unto His beloved sleep.**

Leader: 3 Lo, children are a heritage of Jehovah;

*And* the fruit of the womb is *His* reward.

Answer: **4 As arrows in the hand of a mighty man,**

**So are the children of youth.**

Leader: 5 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them:

Answer: **They shall not be put to shame,**

**When they speak with their enemies in the gate.**