"Man Who Fears God"
Psalm 128:1-6
Father's Day, June 15, 2025

Why Is The "Father's Role So Important?" The Father is the spiritual representative of God in the Home/Society.

Matthew 6:9 <u>'Our Father</u> 'Not Our Mother!" But "Our Father."

1 Corinthians 11:7

Psalm 127-128. Both these Psalms were sung by Israel as they would travel to the annual feasts in Jerusalem.

Psalm 128 is called the "Marriage Prayer" because it is sung at Jewish weddings.

Psalm 127:3-5 Children are described as a rich heritage and as arrows for defeating your enemies.

Psalm 128 Children are described in an agricultural image to describe God's blessings. **Wife is a vine, children are olive trees**.

The Psalm speaks generally to all that fear the Lord: **Psalms 128:1, <u>everyone.</u>** The Psalm is especially addressing Husbands/Fathers: **Psalms 128:3**

Thought Of The Passage: "Fearing God And Walking In His Ways Makes For A Blessed Life In Marriage, Labor, Children, And Legacy."

1. Verse 1 God Blessed Fear
2. Verse 2 God Blessed Labor
3. Verses 3-6 God Blessed Legacy

<u>1. Verse 1 God Blessed Fear:</u>

Psalms 128:1 How blessed - The key word **"Bless"** is used **four times: Verses 1,2,4,5**
Verses 1-2 Bless – Hebrew word *Asher* – translated "Happy" *"The good that comes from those who please the Lord."*

Verses 4-5 Blessed – Hebrew word *Barak – Blessed of the Lord "When the Lord blesses His people"* **Psalm 1:1 <u>How blessed</u> is the man**

Matthew 5:3-10 The Beatitudes - Jesus said, **eight times,**
<u>"Blessed are</u> - How blessed is everyone

Psalm 128 is called the "Marriage Prayer"
The focus is really on the Man, the Husband and Father, then Grandfather. **Psalms 128:3**

There Are Two Conditions To God's Blessings:
(1) Fear God,
(2) Obey God

Balance of **Psalm 127** and **Psalm 128**
Psalm 127 <u>teaches that all blessings are the result of God.</u>

Psalm 128 <u>teaches the human responsibility of (Fearing God, Walking in His Ways).</u>

1. **Fear God: who fears the LORD, -** The word **fears –** *"to reverence Him, reverential awe of Him." The idea of seeking to please Him by obeying His Word.*

   Psalms 128:4 <u>Who fears the LORD.</u>

   Secular – Latin word *saeculum – "this age." "People whose mental boundaries are limited by this place and time." (Worldly)*

   who fears the LORD - thinking about God, what would be pleasing to Him.

2. **Obey God: Who walks in His ways.** It is good to <u>have God in mind</u> in our thinking and in our plans, but that is not enough; <u>we have to act on it.</u>

   Walks – speaks of our lifestyle. Our character as we become holy people.
   "God Wants His People Thinking And Acting Biblically."

   Israel was instructed to live it. **Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 30-38 Matthew 6:33**

   1. Fear God: 2. Obey God: You Will Be Blessed By God!

2. <u>Verse 2 God Blessed Labor:</u>

Psalm 128:2 The Husband/Father Is The Provider: your hands, (Man, Husband, Father) **Genesis 3:19**

Providing financially for a home. 1 Timothy 5:8 (Providing the spiritual) spiritual things of life.

When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, He speaks of the rewards of our labors. Deuteronomy 8:18

The fruit of our labors is due to God's blessing, not us. **Psalms 127:1-2**

Physical Blessings: Matthew 6:11 Bread – a broad term meaning: *"all of man's physical needs"* **Psalm 33:18-19**

Spiritual Blessings: That <u>our fear, obedience to God in serving Him</u> will bring an increase. **1 Corinthians 15:58**

You will be happy (Blessed) – *"The good that comes to those who please the Lord."*

Husbands/Fathers Don't Complain About Your Labor!

Contentment: and it will be well with you. We all want peace of mind!

3. <u>Verses 3-6 God Blessed Legacy:</u>

Psalms 128:3 Verses 3-6 Reveals Four Blessings Upon The God-Fearing Man:

#1. Blessed Marriage: Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine, - The **vine** speaks of refreshment, enjoyment. Food/Fruit, juice, wine, raisins.

fruitful vine, A Blessed Marriage:

Husbands' Responsibility: fruitful vine, Blessings, great joy

The vine is a weak and tender plant. A vine must have support.

Within your house, the blessings of a wife within the home.

Unfruitful Wife May Be The Result Of A Non-Supportive Husband!

#2. Blessed Children: Your children like olive plants – a source of food, oil, and wood for manufacturing.

Olive trees keep living and reproducing. Some say, "Olive trees never die!" (Redwoods never die) Psalm 52:8

Father's Responsibility: Around your table. Psalm 127:3-5

Ephesians 6:4 <u>bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.</u>

Meals together were a priority.

Psalms 128:4 Behold, for thus shall <u>the man be blessed</u>

Blessed Father: the man be blessed - *"When the Lord blesses His people"*

Who fears the LORD. fears – *"reverence Him, to seek to please Him by obeying His Word"*

Fathers/Husbands stay faithful.

Psalm 128:5 #3. Blessed Citizens: The LORD bless you from Zion, - Wanted God's blessings to fall on the whole nation.

Zion – *Prophetic name for Jerusalem. Represents God's rule.*

"True patriotism begins in the home, where love of God, family, and country are bound together."

Psalm 128:6 may you see – Yes, you will inspect; with your own eyes.

#4. Blessed Grandparents: your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

Verse 1 Bride & Groom - Verse 6, Grandparents, in just six verses.
<u>Time sure does fly.</u>

Application: Man Who Fears God

1. "God Blessed Fear Is Thinking And Dwelling Upon The Thoughts Of God, As To What Would Be Pleasing To Him, Then Walking In His Ways."

2. "God Blessed Labor Is The Results Of Our Fear Of The Lord, Our Obedience To God In Serving Him That Brings Increase In Our Work."

3. "God Blessed Legacy Is God's Blessings Upon Marriage, Family, Society, And The Next Generation."