

The Lord's Blessing
Psalm 127 and Psalm 128
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Guest Speaker Series
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Psalm 127 is part of the 15 pilgrim Psalms (Psalms 120 – 134).

A Song of Ascents, Songs of the Pilgrim Caravans, Songs of Degrees:
Blessings Come From God.

Isaiah 40:8

We have the charge of passing on wisdom to our next generation.

Thought of the Passage: The Blessings of God's Protection, Provision, And Other Promises Are Reserved For Those Who have A Loving And Obedient Relationship With God.

10 Things About The Lord's Blessing:

1) Psalm 127:1 – Blessings From God Alone

**Psalm 127:1 Unless the Lord builds the house,
They labor in vain who build it;**

They – (What are we doing?)

Labor in vain; - (*empty, worthless, meaningless, pointless.*)

**Unless the Lord guards the city, (God must bless and be involved)
"...guards the city,"** – (*Protection*)

The watchman (you and I) keeps awake in vain.

Psalm 4:8

You need to get God involved every day. **Not just on Sundays...**

2) Psalm 127:2 – Blessings At Work

Hard work does not always yield prosperity.

Vain - For He gives to His beloved *even in his sleep*.

God's providential care is far more effective than our own efforts.

God can bless your work, but **He will not bless laziness.** (Slothfulness)

Proverbs 6:6 Go to the ant, O sluggard, (noun – *a lazy, sluggish person*)
Observe her ways and be wise,

Proverbs 19:15, Proverbs 24:14, Proverbs 21:25-26,

2 Thessalonians 3:10-12

When hard work yields success: We are never to take credit for success

**Instead - Let us walk with God in humility.
Micah 6:8**

Any success you have comes from the very hand of **God**

**Let the Lord build – He built His church
Let the Lord keep - (protect)**

Psalms 121:3

3) Psalm 127:3-4 Blessings At Home

Psalm 127:3 ³ Behold, *children* are a ^(s)gift of the Lord, (NKJV heritage)
The fruit of the **womb is a reward.**

**Genesis 2 – God Adams is given a wife by God.
Genesis 4 – Adam and Eve are given children.
Marriage First – Then Children.**

We do not take our cues from society – we take our cues from God’s word.

Order – The Husband-and-Wife relationship comes first.

A child is precious.

Gutmacher's selected annual abortion estimates for the last 20+ years are listed below:

2017	2014	2011	2008	2005	2002	2000	1996
862,320	926,240	1,060,000	1,210,000	1,210,000	1,290,000	1,310,000	1,360,000

Psalm 127:4 Like **arrows** (Children) in the **hand of a warrior** (parents),
So are the children of one’s youth.

Parent: 1. The warrior requires training and discipline to be effective.
2. Threats are always abundant but not always detectable.

Matthew 12:30

Arrows must be **shaped**.

Arrows must be **pointed** in the direction they should go.

Proverbs 22:6

Arrows must be **released**.

4) Psalm 127:5 – Blessings In Public

How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them; - **Genesis 1:28**

They will not be ashamed When they speak with their enemies in the gate.

(or place of public business)

Are there arrows you can pick up?

Are you a dropped arrow that The Lord is using for His glory?

Trust our sovereign Lord.

Psalm 128 – Blessings Stem From The Fear Of The Lord

5) Psalm 128:1 – Blessings For All Saints

How **blessed** is everyone who **fears** the LORD,

Proverbs 9:10

FEAR- *Yir'a* – (Heb)

You can have knowledge, but you need wisdom to apply knowledge correctly.

Psalm 128:1b Who **walks** in His ways.

In His ways – According to his Word, to His Will and in His **Wisdom** every day. Godly life = Blessed life.

6) Psalm 128:2 Blessings For All Labor

Psalm 128:2 When you shall eat of the **fruit of your hands**,

Promise #1 – Purpose – Something to do. Labor.

Hard work is good for your body.

Hard work is good for your mind.

Genesis 2:15

You will be **happy** and it **will be well with you**.

Promise #2 – You will have success.

Ecclesiastes 8:12

7) Psalm 128:3 Blessings For Family Life

Your wife shall be like **a fruitful vine**

Within your house, - Vines are **beautiful, delicate, and valuable**.

A proverb 31 wife that is **faithful, fruitful** and **fears the Lord**.

Proverbs 31:25-28a

The *husband* is the head – The *wife* is the heart

Wives - do not usurp God given authority from your husband.

Husbands - don't be a sluggard! Be the husband and leader God has called you and ordained you to be.

Your children like **olive plants**

Olive trees grow slowly and mature in 12-15 years.

You don't have much time with children.

1. They will soon be gone... **2.** Or you will soon be gone.

Around **your table.** (One table – One home) We must teach our children the value of commitment to God, commitment to marriage, and commitment to the family.

8) Psalm 128:4 Blessings To All Who Fear The Lord

Behold, for thus shall the man be blessed

Who fears the LORD.

“The fear of The Lord is the way to blessing.”

Do you have the Fear of the Lord? Is that relationship what drives your life.

Ephesians 2:10

Psalms 37:25-26

9) Psalm 128:5 Blessings From Everywhere

The LORD bless you from Zion,

Wherever the pilgrim was from: He could be blessed from Zion, where the ark of the covenant was kept. A special place indeed.

And may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
Jerusalem was at the heart of the pilgrim.

all the days of your life. (Quality of life)

10) Psalm 128:6 Blessings Forever

Indeed, **may you see your children's children. (Quantity of life)**

Genesis 50:23

Peace be upon Israel!

1 Timothy 6:6, Psalms 37:16

Application:

1. The Lord's Blessings Are Available To All His Saints.
2. Do You Have A Right Relationship With God? Can You Say You Have The Fear Of The Lord In Your Life?
3. Be A Good Example To The Next Generation, In Love, In Deed, And In Faith.