

“The Man Who Feels The Lord”
Psalms 128:1-6
Fathers Day June 17, 2012

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

Matt 6:9

I Corinthians 11:7

Psalm 127-128 – They were sung by the Israelites as they would travel to the annual feasts in Jerusalem.

Psalm 128 is called the “Marriage Prayer”

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

Psalm 128 – Children are described in agricultural image to describe God’s blessings.

This Passage Teaches: “Those Who Fear God, Walking In His Ways, Are Blessed In Labor, Marriage, Children, Society And The Next Generation”

1. Verse 1 – The Blessed Fear

2. Verse 2 – The Blessed Labor

3. Verses 3-6 – The Blessed Legacy

1. Verse 1 – The Blessed Fear:

Psalm 128:1

“How blessed” – The key word “Bless” is used 4X.

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”

Psalms 1:1

The Beatitudes Matt. 5:3-10 Jesus said, 8X

There are 2 Conditions to God's Blessings: (Fear God, Obey God)

Psalm 127 Teaches that all blessings are the result of God.

Psalm 128 Teaches the human responsibility of (Fearing God, Walking in His Ways)

1. Fear God: "Who fears the LORD," – The word – fears – "reverence Him, to seek to please Him by obeying His Word"

Psalm 128:4

Secular – Latin word saeculum – "this age"; "People whose mental boundaries are limited by this place and time."

2. Obey God: "Who walks in His ways."

Walks – speaks of our lifestyle; Our character as we become holy people.

"God wants People Thinking and Acting Biblically."

Lev. 26; Deut. 30-38

Matt 6:33

2. Verse 2 – The Blessed Labor:

Psalm 128:2

The Husband/Father is the Provider: "your hands," – Genesis 3:19

1 Timothy 5:8

Deut 8:18

Psalms 127:1-2

Physical Blessings: Matt 6:11, Bread – a broad term meaning "all of man's physical needs"

Psalm 33:18-19

Spiritual Blessings: That our fear, obedience to God in serving Him will bring an increase.

1 Cor 15:58

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

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

3. Verses 3-6 – The Blessed Legacy:

Psalm 128:3

Verses 3-6 Reveals 4 Blessings upon the God-fearing Man:

1. Blessed Marriage: "Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine," – The vine –Speaks of refreshment, enjoyment.
2. Blessed Children: "Your children like olive plants" – The olive plants – a source of food, oil, and wood for manufacturing.

Psalm 52:8

Father's Responsibility: "Around your table." – With Israel, a large family was referred to as the blessing of the Lord. Psalm 127:3-5

Ephesians 6:4

Psalm 128:4

Psalm 128:5

3. Blessed Citizens: "The LORD bless you from Zion,"

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

Psalm 128:6

4. Blessed Grandparent: "your children's children."

Application: Who Is The Man Who Feels God?

1. "The 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. The Blessed Labor Is The Results Of Our Fear Of The Lord; Our Obedience To God In Serving Him Will Bring An Increase In Our Work"
3. "The Blessed Legacy Is God's Blessings Upon Marriage, Family, Society, And To The Next Generation"