

## ***PSALM 127-128 – Laboring and Prospering with the LORD! Blessings of Those Who Fear the LORD!***

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*Psa 127:1 A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon. Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it.*

**"CORNERSTONE" (MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS)** Hillsong (3:28)

*My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly trust in Jesus' name (2X)*

*Christ alone; cornerstone Weak made strong in the Savior's love. Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all!*

*When Darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.*

*Christ alone; cornerstone Weak made strong in the Savior's love Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all! He is Lord! Lord of all!*

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**PSALM 127** – God’s blessing on His people as their one great necessity and privilege is here spoken of. We are here taught that builders of houses and cities, systems and fortunes, empires and churches all labor in vain without the LORD. But under the divine favor they enjoy perfect rest. Sons, who are in the Hebrew call “builders,” are set forth as building up families under the same divine blessing, to the great honor and happiness of their parents. It is the Builder’s Psalm. Every house is built by some man, but he that built all things is God. And unto God be [raise!

### ***Unless the Lord Builds the House***

***Psa 127:1 A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon. Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.***

- But “*Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it!*.” How important that is! Oh, that we would learn that.
- ***Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.*** Unless the Lord keeps your house, all the burglar alarms and everything else are not going to work. You better not trust in them. Trust in the Lord to keep the house. To keep the city. Now the watchman going on the walls, watching for the enemy. It was a duty that they had. Men who all night long would walk on the walls of Jerusalem to watch out for enemies. But he is saying, “If the Lord doesn’t guard us, the watchmen stays awake in vain.” He is not going to protect the city, the Lord is the One. We must realize the Lord is the One. It is not saying do not take precautions, but it is just saying, Do not trust in the precautions that you’ve taken. Trust in the Lord to take care of you!

***Psa 127:2 It is vain for you to rise up early, To sit up late, To eat the bread of sorrows; For so He gives His beloved sleep.***

- ***It is vain for you*** to wake up and just worry about things. How many people spend restless nights as they are worried about pressures of life, the bills, the things that are happening? Maybe a lawsuit against you and you wake up and your mind starts going over things. You just sit there, lie there and your mind just going over all these things and you cannot go back to sleep. You just think, Woe is me, woe is me, “eating the *bread of sorrows.*” That is vain, the Scripture says.
- ***For so He gives His beloved sleep.*** If you are trusting in the Lord to keep you, and when those nagging thoughts come to you in the middle of the night and you are awakened and your mind begins to turn to these problems and to these difficulties and all, it is good to just say, Lord, You take care of it! You take care of it. Because it is vain for you to worry about it. It’s not going to do any good. All of that . low

planning is worthless. If the Lord does not take care of it, man, you are in big trouble! It is vain to sit up late, to get up early, to eat the bread of sorrows because *He gives His beloved sleep*. The Scripture does emphasize that the strength of a nation is in the family. The family unit that God created. Families are of God. God created the family and that family unit.

***Psa 127:3 Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward.***

- In that culture it was considered absolute blessing to have a child, especially if it was a boy. Girls, I am sorry about this, but that is just the way it was culturally. When a girl was pregnant and when she would go into labor, they would all come to the house, and they would bring all of the refreshments and the band and everything else. They are going to have a baby and they are going to have a big celebration, party, because she is going to have a baby. If it was a boy, the party was on. The band was playing. They were dancing and taking the refreshments. If it was a girl, they just go home. Foolish culture. “*Children are a heritage from the Lord: the fruit of the womb.*” The children are God’s reward.

***Psa 127:4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth.***

- That is, in your old age, have a bunch of sons, they will protect you. They’re a better protection than a bunch of arrows.

***Psa 127:5 Happy. the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.***

- The gate of the city was a place where disputes were settled. Judgment went forth at the gates of the city. It was the city court kind of a thing and disputes were settled. Here’s a guy that has twelve big, strapping sons. And you are brought in judgment and there is a dispute at the gate. You stand there and here are these big bruisers standing next to you. You’re getting old and feeble, but you got these big bruisers standing with you, your sons, there is much protection as a quiver full of arrows. “As arrows in the hand of a mighty man; so are the children of your youth. For *happy is the man who has his quiver full of them. They shall not be ashamed* when you stand in the gate and have the dispute with your enemy. My sons will take care of you, man, if you do not behave yourself.

***Blessed Is Everyone Who Fears the Lord - A Song of Ascents***

***Psa 128:1 Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, Who walks in His ways.***

- The next psalm goes on and it extols further the family life and the blessings of the family life. It begins with,
- ***Blessed is every one that fears the LORD.*** This is a beatitude of blessedness to those who really reverence God, those who really serve the Lord, fear the Lord. Have a reverence for God. Who have the place for God in their lives? Who have placed God in that priority spot of their lives? Oh, how blessed is the man that has put God first. “*The fear of the Lord,*”
- ***Who walks in His ways?*** *The fear of God* is the corner-stone of all blessedness. We must reverence the ever-blessed God before we can be blessed ourselves

***Psa 128:2 When you eat the labor of your hands, You shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.***

- Now these are the blessings.
- ***He will eat the labor of his hands.*** One of the sad tragedies in those days was the fact that the battles were often fought right after the harvest. In fact, right after the harvest was called traditionally “the time of going to war.” The idea was to go and rip off from your neighboring nation the harvest that they had just brought in. They just harvested their crops for their winter store and so you go in and rip off their harvest. Many times, you labor all year to bring in the harvest only to have it plundered by the enemy! But those who reverence God, those who have put Him at the forefront of their lives will eat the labor of their own hands. You’ve labored and now you have the privilege of eating.
- In the prophecy of the future Kingdom age, the age of peace upon the earth, remember the prophet said, (*Mic 4:4*) *But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, And no one shall make them afraid; For the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.* That is, you will enjoy the fruit of your own hands. It was not always that way especially in those days.

- *You shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.* You will be a happy man, the man *that fears the Lord.* He's blessed.

***Psa 128:3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine In the very heart of your house, Your children like olive plants All around your table.***

- *Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine In the very heart of your house.* Like a neat grapevine beside the house, it is just filled with fruit. Your wife will have lots of children.
- *Your children like olive plants (cuttings) All around your table.* I love that. I can see that. Here's the dad and the table and all these little kids around the table, the olive plants around the table. When an olive tree gets old, all of these little shoots come up from its roots. From the roots of the old olive tree come all these new little plants, these new little olive trees. They come about at the roots. The old tree ultimately withers but these new little shoots, they become the tree. Here is the picture of the olive tree with all of these little shoots coming up around it. Thus, your children like little *olive plants around the table*

***Psa 128:4 Behold, thus shall the man be blessed Who fears the LORD.***

- The blessing is a large family. The blessing is a lot of children. The blessing is eating of your own labor.

***Psa 128:5 The LORD bless you out of Zion, And may you see the good of Jerusalem All the days of your life.***

- *The LORD shall bless you out of Zion:* The blessing of the house of God shall be upon his house.
- *And may you see the good of Jerusalem All the days of your life.* God shall give him to see his country prosper, and its cities flourish. This favour is to be permanent throughout the good man's life, and that life is to be a long one, for he is to see his sons' sons

***Psa 128:6 Yes, may you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!***

- *Yes, may you see your children's children.* Then finally, the ultimate, supreme blessing. It's true. It is the ultimate blessing, your grandchildren.
- *Peace be upon Israel.* The promise of God's blessing upon those that fear the Lord. The blessing of the grandchildren. It's glorious. Beyond description.

***Blessed Is Everyone Who Fears the Lord - A Song of Ascents***

***Psa 128:1 Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, Who walks in His ways.***

**THE BLESSING** Kari Jobe (4:33)

The Lord bless you And keep you Make His face shine upon you And be gracious to you  
 The Lord turn His Face toward you And give you peace Amen, amen, amen Amen, amen, amen  
 The Lord bless you And keep you Make His face shine upon you And be gracious to you  
 The Lord turn His Face toward you And give you peace  
 Amen, amen, amen (we sing, we sing) Amen, amen, amen  
 May His favor be upon you And a thousand generations And your family and your children  
 And their children, and their children May His favor be upon you And a thousand generations  
 And your family and your children And **their children, and their children**  
 May His presence go before you And behind you, and beside you All around you, and within you  
 He is with you, He is with you In the morning, in the evening In your coming, and your going  
 In your weeping, and rejoicing He is for you, He is for you He is for you, He is for you  
 He is for you, He is for you He is for you, He is for you (I know, I know)  
 Amen, amen, amen Amen, amen, amen  
 May His presence go before you And behind you, and beside you All around you, and within you  
 He is with you, He is with you In the morning, in the evening In your coming, and your going  
 In your weeping, and rejoicing He is for you

***PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH/PERSECUTED CHURCH; SCHOOLS; POLICE OFFICERS/MILITARY; ISRAEL:***

***PRAY FOR OUR NATION'S LEADERS: PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA: PRAY FOR WORLD LEADERS: - Pray for World Leaders, especially their salvation!***