

PSALM 128 2024 – Blessings of Those Who Fear the LORD!

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PSALM 128 – the 9th Psalm of Ascents extols further the family life and the blessings of the family life. It is a family hymn, a song for a marriage, or a birth, or for any day in which a happy household has met to praise the Lord. Like all the songs of Ascents it has an eye to Zion and Jerusalem, which are both expressly mentioned and it closes with an allusion to Israel. It is a short Psalm, but exceedingly full and suggestive.

Blessed Is Everyone Who Feels 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, having 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,”
 - ✓ *Psa_15:4 In whose eyes a vile person is despised, But he honors those who fear the LORD; He who swears to his own hurt and does not change;*
 - ✓ *Psa_22:23 You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!*
 - ✓ *Psa_33:8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.*
 - ✓ *Psa_34:9 Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him.*
 - ✓ *Psa_115:11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield.*
 - ✓ *Psa_115:13 He will bless those who fear the LORD, Both small and great.*
 - ✓ *Psa_118:4 Let those who fear the LORD now say, "His mercy endures forever."*
 - ✓ *Psa_135:20 Bless the LORD, O house of Levi! You who fear the LORD, bless the LORD!*
 - ✓ *Pro_3:7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.*
 - ✓ *Pro_24:21 My son, fear the LORD and the king; Do not associate with those given to change;*
- ***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 119:3***) *They also do no iniquity; They walk in His ways.*

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

- ***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 favor 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

THE BLESSING Kari Jobe (4:55)

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 (2X)
May His favor be upon you And a thousand generations To your family to your children
to their children, to their children May His favor be upon you And a thousand generations
To your family to your children to **their children, to 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
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
Amen, amen, amen Amen, amen, amen

***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!***

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