

## The Blessed Psalms

### Lesson 5: Psalm 128

1. Who is blessed in this Psalm? (1,4)
2. How is this person blessed?
  - a. Will \_\_\_\_\_ of the labor of his hands (2)
  - b. Wife will be a \_\_\_\_\_ vine (3)
  - c. Children will be surrounding his \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
  - d. See the good of \_\_\_\_\_ (5)
  - e. See his children's \_\_\_\_\_ (6)

Let's consider Psalm 127. It is possible that these two Psalms are to go together.

1. What is being built in verses 1-2?
2. What are 3 different ways the Bible uses the idea of a house?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Sam 7:2)
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Sam 7:2,5; Judges 18:31; Eph 2:21-22)
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Sam 7:11,13; Acts 16:15; Eph 2:19)
3. How/why is a house successful? (1-3)
4. The Psalmist speaks specifically of what kind of house? (3-5)
5. Children are from \_\_\_\_\_ and serve various purposes according to this Psalm, what are those purposes? (3-5)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ (4-5)

Is this a guarantee for all people who fear the LORD and walk in His commandments?

1. Zechariah & Elizabeth (Luke 1:6-7, 24-25)
  - a. They were \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ but had no child

Consider Blessed Parents in the Bible: Note the LORD's involvement and how the parents viewed the children

1. Egyptian midwives (Exodus 1:17,21)
  - a. God gave them \_\_\_\_\_ because they \_\_\_\_\_ Him.
2. Jacob (Genesis 29-30)
  - a. Got to see his favorite son's \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 48:8-11)
3. Manoah & his wife (Judges 13)

- a. Manaoh prayed to God and he listened (13:8-9)
- 4. Elkanah & his wives (1 Sam 1-2)
  - a. Peninah:
    - i. Provoked Hannah because of lack of children (1:6)
  - b. Hannah:
    - i. The LORD had closed her womb (1:5)
    - ii. Vowed and prayed that if the LORD would give her a son she would give him back to the LORD (1:11)
    - iii. The LORD remembered her (1:19)
      - 1. Samuel = Heard by God...because I have asked him from the LORD (1:20)
  - c. Elkaah:
    - i. Willing to give up the son of his favorite wife (1:22-23)

THE MAN IN THE MIRROR:

1. How do I view my children?
2. What kind of things do I pray to God about regarding my children and family?
3. Am I willing to fear God and walk in His ways even if He doesn't answer my prayers about having a family?