

## The Fear of God

### Part 18

*Psalm 128 – Those Who Fear God They Have Blessed Families and Blessed Church.*

*“1 Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways. 2 For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. 3 Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table. 4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD. 5 The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. 6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.” (Psalm 128:1-6 KJV)*

*“1 Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in obedience to him. 2 You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. 3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. 4 Yes, this will be the blessing for the man who fears the LORD. 5 May the LORD bless you from Zion; may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. 6 May you live to see your children's children—peace be on Israel.” (Psalm 128:1-6 NIV)*

The fear of God is a mandatory requirement for His blessing to fall on us and to reach us. Psalm 128 speaks about the source of the blessings for the families. It gives us a clear and profound picture about the gracious future that God had ordained for our families.

In Psalm 128 we are taught that the prosperity of our families depends upon the blessing of God; in this we are taught that the only way to obtain that blessing which will make our families comfortable is to live in the fear of God and in obedience to him

*1 Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways. 1 Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in obedience to him.* The blessings of God will reach and is ordained for those who fear Him. The marks of those who fear Him are those who endeavour to walk in His ways. Blessed are those who *fear the Lord* and *walk in his ways*, who have a deep reverence of God upon their spirits and evidence it by a regular and constant conformity to His will. To fear God is to make conscience both of keeping to His ways and not to draw back from God. God blesses those who fear Him. They are blessed now; they shall be blessed still, and forever. *4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD. 4 Yes, this will be the blessing for the man who fears the LORD.*

This blessedness of God to those who fear Him are secured and to all the saints universally: Blessed is everyone that fears the Lord, whoever he be; in every nation he that fears God and works righteousness is accepted of Him, and therefore he/she will be blessed whether he/she be high or low, rich or poor, in the world. Those that do so, in general, shall be blessed further and as the following:-

*1- They shall be prosperous and successful in their employments: “2 For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.” 2 You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours.* By the blessing of God, they shall get an honest livelihood and live comfortably upon it. It is not promised that they shall live at ease, without care or pains, but, *You shall eat the labour of your hands.* Here in the promise

of God that you will have a work to do; that you will not live an idle life, for an idle life is a miserable and uncomfortable life. When it says that *You shall eat the labour of your hands*, means you will have a health and strength to labour, and a capacity of mind to do it. *You shall eat the labour of your hands* means you shall not be forced to go to others and ask from them food and other needs, as the disabled poor do and who live upon the labors of other people. *You shall eat the labour of your hands* it is more mercy to work and eat your own bread, “12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.” (2Thessalonians 3:12)

*You shall eat the labour of your hands* means those who fear God shall succeed in their employments, and they and their shall enjoy what they get; others shall not come and eat the bread out of their mouths, nor shall it be taken from them either by oppressive rulers or invading enemies. God will not blast it and blow upon it as He did, “9 Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.” (Haggai 1:9 ) It is very pleasant to enjoy the fruits of our own industry; as the sleep, so the food, of a labouring man is sweet

*Happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. blessings and prosperity will be yours.* If you fear God and walk in his ways then happy, blessed, and prosperous you will be and it will go well with you. God is faithful, and He will bestow favor, happiness, prosperity on us as we fear Him and walk in His ways.

Those who fear God will be employed and had hard work, labor, satisfactory income, saving, good and adequate resources, abundance, fluidity of money, good amount of saving, and that will pave the next step of God's blessedness in their lives.

*2- That they shall have abundance of comfort in their family relationships and their relations shall be agreeable and in harmony: 3 Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table. 3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.* Godly wife, husband and children are the next promotion of God to those who fears Him. Husband, wife and children are very much a man's care, so, if by the grace of God they are such as they should be, they are very much a man's delight, as much as any creature-comfort.

*Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;* not only as a spreading vine which serves for an ornament of decoration, but as a fruitful vine which is for profit, and with the fruit of the vine both God and man are honoured, “13 And the vine said unto them, Should I leave my wine, which cheereth God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?” (Judges 9:13) The vine is a weak and tender plant, and needs to be supported and cherished, but it is a very valuable plant. The wife's place is the husband's house; there her business lies, and that is her castle. Her place is by the sides of the house, not under-foot to be trampled on, nor yet upon the house-top to dominate (for if she be so, she is but as the grass upon the house-top that will soon wither). But the wife is to be on the side of the house, being a rib out of the side of the man. She shall be a loving wife, as the vine, which cleaves to the house-side. An obedient wife, as the vine, which is pliable (bendable, flexible, supple), and grows as it is directed. She shall be fruitful as the

vine, not only in children, but in the fruits of wisdom, and righteousness, and good management, the branches of which run over the wall, “22 **Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall: (Gen. 49:22)** “11 **She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river.” (Psalm 80:11)** The wife shall be like a fruitful vine, not cumbering the ground, nor bringing forth sour grapes, or grapes of Sodom, but good fruit.

**Thy children like olive plants round about thy table. your children will be like olive shoots around your table.** The children shall be as olive plants, and later on and on God’s time they will be olive-trees. It is pleasant to parents who have a table spread, to see their children round about it, to have many children, enough to surround it, and those with them, and not scattered, or the parents forced to move away from them. Job makes it one of the first instances of his former prosperity that his children were about him, “5 **When the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were about me;” (Job 29:5)** Parents love to have their children at table, to keep up the pleasantness of the table-talk, to have them in health, to have them like *olive-plants*, straight and green, sucking in the sap of their good education, and likely in due time to be employed in Godly service. Olive plants multiplied by the planting of the shoots that arises from around the man trunk of the tree; the farmer will cut those grown shoots and will plant them in new places to be new trees. The blessedness of God to those who fear Him is to give them out from their children new families who fear God.

**3- They shall live to see the families of their children are brought up in a Godly way: 6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel. 6 May you live to see your children's children—peace be on Israel.** Those that fear God they shall live long, to enjoy the comforts of the rising generations: “**thou shalt see thy children's children,” as Joseph saw his children's children, “23 And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation: the children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were brought up upon Joseph's knees.” (Genesis 50:23)** As you fear God your family shall be built up and continued, and you shall have the pleasure of seeing your Children’s children. The good children, are the crown of old men, “6 **Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.” (Proverbs 17:6)** It is a great pleasure to see Godly grand children. If you are a Godly man or woman then this is my wishes to you, “6 **Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.” 6 May you live to see your children's children—peace be on Israel.**

**4- Those who fear God shall have the satisfaction of seeing the Church of God in a flourishing condition: “5 The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. 6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.” “5 May the LORD bless you from Zion; may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. 6 May you live to see your children's children—peace be on Israel.”** Those who fear God they will have a great concern to built up the Church of God; they will strengthen the church with a Godly children, and in return Godly church who fear God will contribute to the blessing of God to the families that are part of the church. **The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: the LORD bless you from Zion; and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.** The Blessings out of Zion are the best-blessings, which flow, not from common providence, but from special grace, as God’s promise says, “**Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;” (Psalm 20:2)**

Therefore if you fear God you shall have those things which God has promised and which you have pray for: The Lord shall bless you out of Zion, where the Ark of the Covenant was, and where the Church of God is today. That you shall see the welfare of God’s church growing and improving, and the ministries of the church are improving, advancing and spreading. You who fear God will not only aim for the prosperity of your family but also the prosperity of the church of God that God had placed us in to build it up with Him. As you continue to fear God then you will find that God had prospered your family and you will enjoy seeing your children’s children, as well as you shall be blessed in Zion’s blessing, you shall **see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life**, you will be part of a Godly family and a part of a Godly Church and ministry, not only you but as well as your children and your children’s children.

A good man who fear God will have little comfort in seeing his children’s children, unless he see peace upon the Church of God, and have hopes of transmitting the fear of God to those that shall come after him, for that is the best inheritance that he will work hard to pass into the next generation.

**My dear and beloved:** We read and sing psalm 128 in the firm belief of this truth, that the fear of God and piety are the best friends to outward prosperity to our families and to our church, giving God the praise that it is so and that we have found it so, and encouraging ourselves and others with us to apply these precious principles in our lives as we agree to pray.

**My Prayer:** *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your word that shows me the truth of how I can live happy and prosperous, and have Godly family and Godly church and ministry. Lord I repent of the following sins \_\_\_\_\_ . I amend my ways and I commit myself to apply all the principle that I learn in this message in my life, so that your blessings will flow to me and I will be a source of blessings to my family, my church and your blessings will flow through me to the next generation. This is my desire and what I commit myself to live for, help me Lord to do it, in Jesus name, Amen.*

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