

## ***The Fear of God Part 21***

### ***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)***

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 blessings of God; in this we are taught that the only way to obtain such blessings 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.” (Psalm 128:1 KJV)*** The blessings of God will reach and is ordained for those who fear Him. The marks of those who fear Him are those who endeavor to walk in His ways. Yes, and true, blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in obedience to Him. They are those who have a deep reverence of God upon their spirits and prove it by a regular and constant conformity to His will and in obedience to His Word. To fear God is to make conscience both of keeping His ways and commands, and not to draw back from God. God blesses those who fear Him. They are blessed now; they shall be blessed still, and they are blessed forever. ***“4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.” (Psalm 128:4 KJV)*** Therefore as you decide now to start to fear God and walk according to His will and in obedience to His Word, then God shall help you and bless you.

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 or she will be blessed whether he or 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 works and jobs: “2 For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.” (Psalm 128:2 KJV)*** By the blessings of God, they shall get an honest source of income, a job or profession, and they shall live comfortably upon it. \* As you fear God then God shall give you a source of income or job that you will live comfortably on it. \* It is not promised that you shall live at ease, without care or pains, but, ***“thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands”***, which means in this promise of God that you will have a work to do; that you will not live a lazy life, for a lazy or idle life is a miserable and uncomfortable life.

\* When it says, ***“thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands”***, that means you will have a health and strength to labor, and a capacity of mind to do it.

\* When it says, ***“thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands”***, that means you shall not be forced to go to others and ask from them food and other needs; you will not be as the disabled poor do and who live upon the labors of other people.

\* When it says, ***“thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands”***, it means more mercy, because you are working and eating your own bread as Paul commanded the Thessalonians to do as we read here, ***“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.” (2 Thessalonians 3:12 KJV)***

\* When it says, ***“thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands”***, it means those who fear God shall succeed in their employments, and they and their shall enjoy what they get. Also others shall not come and eat the bread out of their mouths, nor shall it be taken from them either by oppressive rulers or as invading enemies. God will not blast it or 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 KJV)*** It is very pleasant to enjoy the fruits of our own labor; therefore, as the sleep, so the food, of a laboring man is sweet.

***“happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee”***: 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 you as you fear Him and walk in His ways. As you fear God you will have a good health, a job, a hard work with a satisfactory income, good and adequate resources, abundance of blessings that you will enjoy, and good amount of saving, and a clear prosperous way and future.

Therefore, those who fear God will be employed and have hard work, labor, satisfactory income, 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.” (Psalm 128:3 KJV)*** Godly wife, husband and children are the next promotion of God to those who fears Him. Husband, wife and children are the things that man care and interested with, and so God will give them to those who fear Him.

***“Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house:”*** The wife of the man who fear God shall not be as a spreading vine which serves for an ornament of decoration, but as a fruitful vine that brings and add blessings to her husband; that both he and God shall be pleased with, as we read here about the fruit of the vine that cheer God and man: ***“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 KJV)*** Therefore as you fear God, He will give you a wife that will be fruitful and industrious to you, using all her time in the house to do good and beneficial things; cooking, baking, making sweets and juices, washing, sowing and making clothes,

cleaning, planting a garden of herbs and vegetables, teaching and disciplining the children, and the rest of the beneficial activities to the wellbeing of the family.

The vine is a weak and tender plant, and needs to be supported and cherished, for it is a very valuable plant. The wife's place is in the husband's house; there her business lies, and that is her castle. Her place is by the sides of the house, not underfoot to be trampled on, nor yet upon the housetop to dominate (for if she be so, she is but as the grass upon the housetop 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 side of the house. An obedient wife is 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 bearing, but in the fruits of wisdom, and righteousness, and good management. The branches of which run over the wall as we read here about the description about the vine tree, **"22 Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall: (Genesis 49:22 KJV) "8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it. 9 Thou preparedst room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land. 10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedars. 11 She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river." (Psalm 80:8-11 KJV) The wife shall be like a fruitful vine, not cumbering the ground, nor bringing forth sour grapes, or grapes of Sodom, but good fruit, beneficial and blessings to her husband.**

**"Thy children like olive plants round about thy table."** The children of the man who fear God shall be as olive plants or shoots, and later on and on God's time they will be olive trees by themselves. 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. About this regard Job in the Bible makes it one of the first instances of his former prosperity that his children were about him as we read here, **"5 When the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were about me;" (Job 29:5 KJV)** 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 or shoots, straight and green, sucking in the sap of their good and Godly 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 main 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. **As you fear God, your children will be like olive shoots around your table. They will grow and nurture by you and you will teach them the fear of God; they will serve God with you and later on, as they are well prepared and on God's timing you will find them going by God's help into Godly families.**

**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." (Psalm 128:6 KJV)** Those that fear God they shall live long, to enjoy the comforts of the rising generations: Yes **"thou shalt see thy children's children,"** as Joseph saw his children's children as we read here, **"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 KJV)** **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 as we read here, **"6 Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers."**

**(Proverbs 17:6 KJV)** It is a great pleasure to see Godly grand children. If you are a Godly man or woman then this are my wishes to you: May you live to see your children's children. **As we fear God and walk in His ways and in obedience to His Word and as we are directed by the Holy Spirit, then we are imparting the teaching of God's Word and the sound faith to our children, whom God will protect and preserve and they will raise in the fear God and will have Godly families and will raise a Godly children and so faith will be kept to the next generations until the time that Jesus will come and take us with Him to Heaven.**

**4. Those who fear God shall have the satisfaction of seeing the Church of God in a flourishing and prosperous 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." (Psalm 128:5-6 KJV)** 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 blessings of God to the families that are part of the church and will help them and impart to them how to raise Godly children.

**"The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion:"** That means the LORD shall bless you from Zion, **"and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life."** The Blessings out of Zion or from Zion are the best blessings, which flow, not from the common providence that God send to all kinds of people, but from special grace, and by God's promises that He send to strengthen you as He said and we read here: **"1 The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee; 2 Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;" (Psalm 20:2 KJV)** Zion is where God was dwelling with His people, caring for them, providing for them, protecting them, watching over them, guiding them and going out before them to fight their battles and deal with their enemies. **Now God is dwelling with us as His church and in us as His people by the Holy Spirit, who is doing and will do to us as He was doing when He dwelled with His people in Zion, the mountain, where His sanctuary was their among them.**

Therefore if you fear God you shall have those things which God had promised and what you had prayed will come true: 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 under the peace of God.

\* 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. \* Therefore, and as a result, that 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, that you shall **"see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life"**; you will be part of a Godly family or 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, to our children and later on to their families and the next generations. **Therefore and based on that, let us come to God in confidence committing ourselves fully to live in the fear of God, obeying His Word and apply His commands in our lives, so we can see blessing and prosperity in our lives and in the lives of our families, children, our children's children and our church.** Therefore, let us be willing to be guided with the Holy Spirit and in submitting fully to His will that finally all His precious promises in His Word we will see and will come true in our lives.

Let us 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, having good health, strength, good work, eating my bread and having Godly family, Godly children, Godly children's children, Godly church and ministry. Lord thank you for your gracious Word that brought me hope, faith, joy and assurance, having the confidence that all your promises in your Word are true.*

*Now come to God and repent of all your sins. Renounce the lack of holiness and non fearing God. Renounce pride, unfaithfulness, lack of concern for the things of God and His church, non willingness to serve Him, non willingness to discipline your children and raise them in the fear of God. Repent of your lack of stewardship, and non willingness to give to God what is due for Him and to His church. Repent of your worldliness, selfishness, immoralities, love of money, telling lies, cheating, etc.*

*Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Lord I am willing to amend my ways and I commit myself to apply all the principle that I learned in this message in my life and in the life of my family, so that your blessings will flow to me and I will be a source of blessings to my family, to my children, and your 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.*

*Lord, thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented and committed their lives to live in the fear of yours and to the principles that we learned today from your Word. Lord thank you for their willingness to serve you. Lord restore them fully to you and use them to serve you and build up your church. Lord let your blessings flow into their bodies by giving them strength and good health. Lord bless their wives and their children and let your promises come true in their lives. Lord bless those who are single of them with Godly partners to have Godly families, and help them to raise Godly children, that your Word and the truth will pass to the next generation.*

*Lord bless us as your church, and uphold us with your grace, and help us to continue to stand firm to teach your Word that you entrusted to us. Lord prepare those who are single among us*

*and put them into Godly marriages to have blessed families. Lord refill us once again with the Holy Spirit and give us the Spiritual gifts that we need to serve you. Lord lead us by the Holy Spirit to evangelize and make new disciples and train new workers to go and plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.*

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