

WHAT SONG IS IN YOUR HEART?

Psalm 128

Count Your Many Blessings, See What The Lord Has Done!

Today we continue in our Sermon Series “**What Song Is In Your Heart**” where we are looking at the Psalms of the Ascent (**Psalm 120-135**) the songs the Jews would sing as they traveled from all over Israel to Jerusalem 3 times a year for different festivals.

The Psalmist for today, who is unknown (but many think it may have Hezekiah) speaks of godly blessings in the areas of:

- Provision
- Prosperity
- Spouse
- Flourishing children
- National

How many of you today want those blessings in your life?

Then listen as I read **Psalm 128:1**

- Notice that the Psalmist says that these blessings are available to everyone.
 - Faith Training **John 3:16 / Matthew 7:21**
- **Fear the Lord**
 - The Bible uses the word fear at least 300 times in reference to God.
 - Theologian William D. Eisenhower puts it this way in his article "Fearing God" in Christianity Today: *Unfortunately, many of us presume that the world is the ultimate threat and that God's function is to offset it. How different this is from the biblical position that God is far scarier than the world (Matthew 10:28 Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. When we assume that the world is the ultimate threat, we give it unwarranted power, for in truth, the world's threats are temporary. When we expect God to balance the stress of the world, we reduce him to the world's equal As I walk with the Lord, I discover that God poses an ominous*

threat to my ego, but not to me. He rescues me from my delusions, so he may reveal the truth that sets me free. He casts me down, only to lift me up again. He sits in judgment of my sin, but forgives me nevertheless. Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, but love from the Lord is its completion.

- Proverbs 14:17
 - *The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, that one may avoid the snares of death.*
 - Fountain of life (what well are you drinking nourished from?).
 - We will avoid the snares of death (what traps has satan set for you?)
 - How many of you can truly say today that you fear the Lord?
- Walk
 - Romans 8:1-4
 - *Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*
 - What path are you walking on today? And will that path lead you to where you ultimately want to go?
 - Proverbs 3:5-6

We see the Psalmist say that when we fear the Lord and walk in His ways then we can steadfastly count on Him for blessings in the following areas of our lives:

- **Your work – verse 2.**
 - You shall eat the fruit of your hands.
 - You will be happy (content Hebrews 13:5 -*Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, “I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you.*
 - It will be well with you.

- *Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name. I will give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And will glorify Your name forever. For Your lovingkindness toward me is great, And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.* Psalm 86:11-12
- **Your wife – verse 3**
 - Notice that the Psalmist compares the wife of this godly man as a “fruitful vine” within your house.
 - The challenge for a mother to represent godliness to her children.
 - I think the Psalmist is pointing us to the words of **Proverbs 31**.
 - **Verses 10-31**
- **Your children – verse 3**
 - The Psalmist here compares the children of the one who fears God and walks in His ways to “olive plants” which are often used to symbolize God’s blessing.
 - Shoots grow off the main root of an olive tree to reproduce.
- Let me give you an illustration and that is the life of Daniel:
 - Exiled as a youth.
 - Began to distinguish himself right away with his diet.
 - Continued to pray to his God and not let the culture influence him but rather continued to influence his culture by his relationship with his God.
 - Jesus calls us to be the “**salt and light**”.
 - **Matthew 5:14-14**

Behold – see, observe, witness – **verse #4**

- *Stand in awe of God’s yes, oh how He blesses the one who fears God*
(The Message)

What is the greatest blessing you can pass on to your children?

- Money
- Job
- Collection

The greatest blessing, we can pass on to our children is a godly heritage.

- Read **Psalm 128:5-6**
- See God’s blessing can flow from us to our children and even our grandchildren.

○ Exodus 34:6-7

“What We Do In Life Echoes In Eternity” *Maximus Decimus Meridius*