



THE LORD IS THE CENTER OF MY LIFE
Psalm 127-128

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Good morning Church! Psalm 127 and Psalm 128 give a resounding message to the original readers and for us today that God is to be the center of our life in everything we do. This wise prayer of Solomon falls into two related parts that we will study today and addresses the main ingredient of experiencing blessings from the Lord.

Unless the Lord Builds the House
A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon.

"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. 2 It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep. 3 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. 4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. 5 Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate."

Blessed Is Everyone Who Feels the Lord

"Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways! 2 You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you. 3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. 4 Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord. 5 The Lord bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life! 6 May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!"

1. God is the Center of EVERYDAY Life. (v 1-2)

- God is more concerned with the WAY we build than with WHAT we build.

2. God is the Center of FAMILY Life. (v 3-5)

- CHILDREN are a GIFT from God.

*"For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." **Acts 2:39***

3. The one who FEARS the Lord... (v 1, 4)

- Obeys God's WILL for their lives.
- Walks in God's WAYS and is blessed.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction." **Proverbs 1:7**

*"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. **25** And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. **26** And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. **27** And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."* **Matthew 7:24-27**

Part of the blessing when we fear is to trust God to bring...

- PROVISIONS
- PROSPERITY
- Reproducing PARTNER
- Flourishing CHILDREN

Salvation through Jesus Christ

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.*