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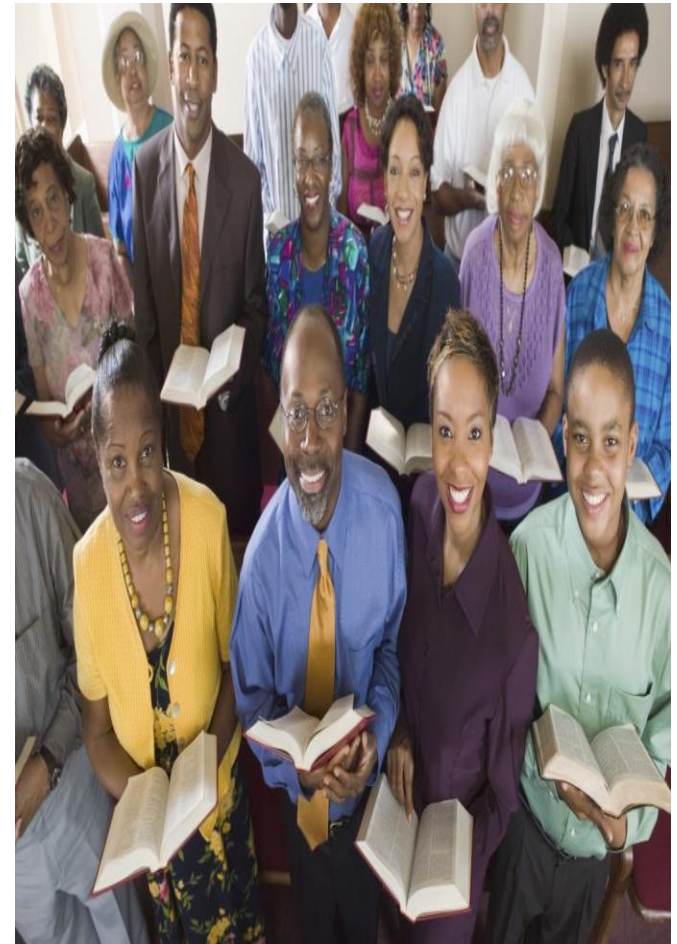
Loving ...

Leaning ...

Living ...

Leading ...

*By the Word
of God*





LESSONS FROM THE WISDOM PSALMS



PSALM 128

You don't have to be “saved” to rich, successful, and powerful in life.



- Many “unsaved” men and women have riches and great possessions (i.e., money, houses, land, jewels, cars, yachts, planes, clothes, vacation cabins and condos)

- Many “unsaved” people have successful businesses, professions, and careers.

- Many “unsaved” people have fame, power, social status, and powerful influence in the community.

- Many “unsaved” people have the best education from the best schools in the world.



- However, to be **“blessed”** by God, a man or woman must **fear** the Lord and **walk** in His ways.
 - To “fear” the Lord means that one respects and has reverence for who God is, what God has done, and what God says.
 - True “fear” of the Lord leads to obedience to His commands and a life that is lived according to His righteous ways.
 - True “fear” of the Lord leads to loving devotion, worship and service before the Lord.

**The fear of the Lord is the
beginning of wisdom, and the
knowledge of the Holy One is
insight.**

Prov 9:10

- Most people want to be “blessed” in their life
 - They want to be secure
 - They want to be safe
 - They want to be satisfied
 - They want to be healthy
 - They want to be loved
 - They want to be happy
- Unfortunately, many people attempt to get these “blessings” through their own wisdom, their own strength, and their own way.
- As a result, many feel left out, stressed out, frustrated and depressed because it seems that all they face in life is tragedy, disaster, and misfortune.

- **LESSON:** The one who fears the Lord will experience true earthly blessings from God that will bring happiness and wellbeing in this life.
 - Psalm 128 is a sister psalm to Psalm 127 and both give a universal principle that blessing comes to the one who fears the Lord.
 - Psalm 128 will show us three areas of earthly blessings that comes to the one who fears the Lord

THERE WILL BE **PERSONAL** BLESSINGS

128:1-2

- **YOU WILL BE HAPPY:** You will eat the labor of your hands.
 - **With security:** without someone stealing it from you.
 - **With safety:** without someone trying to hurt or harm you
 - **With satisfaction:** with joy and contentment
 - **Note:** It is one thing to work hard for the money, it is another thing to enjoy the money that was made by hard work!!

- **IT WILL BE WELL WITH YOU**
 - It will be well with you mentally
 - It will be well with you emotionally
 - It will be well with you physical
 - **Note:** Disease, whether it is mental, emotional, or physical, is NOT the real problem, focus and trust in the Lord, in spite of whatever disease is the real issue and the real strength and victory!
- **A THOUGHT:** Something is wrong spiritually if your life is constantly unhappy—the one who fears the Lord can enjoy happiness now as well as in eternity with God in heaven.



THERE WILL BE **FAMILY BLESSINGS**

128:3-4

- **THE WIFE WILL ENJOY PERSONAL BLESSINGS:**
She will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house
 - Like a vine she will cling to her husband in mutual interdependence and complete trust
 - Like a vine she will climb to growth and maturity as a strong dependable woman.
 - Like a vine she will cluster being fruitful for the wellbeing of her home.
 - **Note:** A happy life is a happy wife, and a happy wife is a happy life!!

- **THE CHILDREN WILL ENJOY PERSONAL BLESSINGS:** They will be like olive plants around your table.
 - Like olive trees they will grow and mature in a healthy family environment
 - Like olive trees they will bear fruit, helping to care for the wellbeing of the family.
 - Like olive trees they will become well established, even to the point of taking care of the parents.
 - Note: Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it (Prov.22:6)

- **A THOUGHT:** Something is wrong spiritually if a family is dysfunctional
 - There are many seminars, conferences, books, speeches and sermons on marriage and the family, nevertheless, a stable marriage, home and family is a sign of the Lord's blessing.
 - Only the Lord can give you a blessed home!



THERE WILL BE **PUBLIC BLESSINGS**

128:5-6

- **THERE WILL BE SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS:** The Lord bless you out of Zion
 - Zion was the spiritual center and heart of Jerusalem, this was where the Temple stood
 - The Temple was where sins were atoned for through the sacrifice system; where worship engaged in; and where the Scriptures were studied, taught, and preached.
 - **Point:** Spiritual blessing include public forgiveness of sins, worship, and teaching and preaching from the Word of God.

- **THERE WILL BE NATIONAL BLESSINGS:** May you see the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
 - Jerusalem was the nation's capital
 - As the capital goes, so goes the nation: if the capital is blessed, the nation is blessed; if the capital is in crisis, the nation is in crisis.
 - **Point:** National blessings include: political stability; economic and financial well-being; security and safety for all citizens; rest from wars and rumors of wars; rest from natural disasters, famines and plagues
 - Note: Only God can give a nation national blessings!

- **THERE WILL BE COMMUNITY BLESSINGS:** May you see your children's children.
 - To see one's grand-children and great grand-children is sign that the family heritage will continue in the community.
 - This is both personal and public because others can witness the fact that the one who fears the Lord has lived a long, happy, and fulfilled life.
- **A THOUGHT:** Something is wrong spiritually if a nation is dysfunctional!

A CHALLENGE FOR YOU:

ARE YOU BEING BLESSED BY THE LORD?

- **The question is NOT, “are you successful, rich, powerful, or influential?”**
- **Note carefully: You can be rich, successful, powerful, and influential, and NOT be blessed by the Lord!!**

May the LORD **Bless** you
& keep you.

May the LORD make his face to
shine upon **you**
& be **gracious** unto you.

May the LORD lift his
countenance upon you
& give you **peace.**
NUMBERS 6:24-26 **amen**

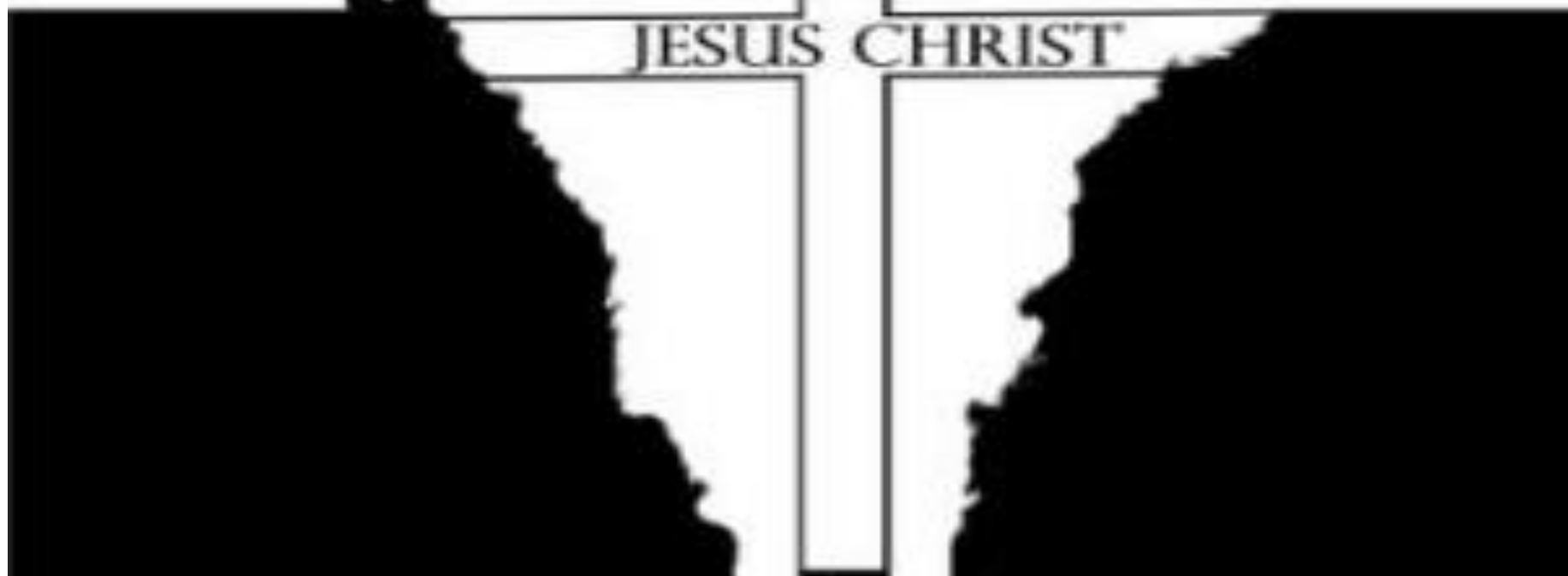
RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR
SAVIOUR TODAY!!



GOD HAS PROVIDED THE
ONLY WAY...WE MUST MAKE
THE CHOICE



JESUS CHRIST



- 1. Acknowledge** that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died on the cross for your sin, and that He arose again from the dead on the third day.
- 2. Admit** that you are a sinner, **guilty** of sin and **responsible** and **accountable** to a holy God for your sin, and that you are under His just condemnation and eternal punishment for your sin.
- 3. Affirm** that the Lord Jesus Christ is your Lord and Saviour by **receiving** His provision of salvation through your faith in Him alone.