

True Happiness, a By-Product of Fearing God

I. Introduction: Psalm 128

A. The foundational relationship: “the marriage psalm”

B. The recurring theme: the fear of God (vv. 1, 4)

II. Happiness in Your Work (v. 2)

III. Happiness in Your Home (v. 3)

A. The blessing of a fruitful, godly wife

B. The blessing of a fruitful, godly home

C. The blessing of fruitful, godly children

IV. Happiness in Your Worship (v. 5)

V. Happiness in Your Future (v. 6)

A. The blessing of godly grandchildren

B. The blessing of abiding peace

VI. Conclusion: Turning Psalm 128 into a Prayer

A Lifelong Marriage Prayer

Lord, bless us as a married couple
with the fear of Thy Name,
so that we may walk in Thy ways,
so that we may eat the labor of our hands
so that we may be truly happy
so that it shall be well with us.

Let my wife be as a fruitful vine in our home,
and grace us with children
who may be like olive plants around our table.

Teach me that if I fear the Lord
as head of the home,
these blessings shall accrue to us.

Bless us in worshipping Thee in Thy house;
grant us to see Thy church prosper
all the days of our lives.

Let the fear of God
lead us to true blessedness
at work
in the home
and in Thy house
so that, for Christ's sake,
we may see our children's children
and peace upon Thy spiritual Israel.
in this life
and a better—forever.