

Date: 7-6-2022-Wednesday night.

Church: Safe Harbor Baptist Church

Text: Psalm 127

Title: "Our Children are Worth it"

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Introduction:

Degrees comes from a root word that means "ascents" or to "go up, as ascending stairs.

There are 15 of these Psalms in order.

The context of this Psalm is found in Vs 1-2 of this text. The word "Vain" is used 3 times.

The word Vanity means: emptiness, nothingness, worthlessness.

The word picture for "Vanity" is a Bubble.

A Bubble looks appealing, it looks like something you would desire, but when you reach out for it, you find that it is nothing!

Ecclesiastes 2:11

Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.

1. Our Construction is Vain. Vs 1a

"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it:"

Application: Whatever you are focusing your attention and allegiance to in this life, If the LORD is not apart of it and involved in it, then it is nothing, it is worthless, it is vanity!

It other words it is a waste of time!

2. Our Combat is Vain. Vs 1b

"except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

Within the context of this verse the watchman is not asleep, else he would not be a watchman, but rather what I believed is being implied in this verse is that the Watchman's job is to wake others, to alert others.

The point is this, if we do not have the LORD our ability to stand in the day of combat is vain, it is empty, it is worthless because we must have the LORD!

3. Our Conduct is Vain. Vs 2

"It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep."

This speaks of the vanity of Worry.

The word picture is a man that gets up early, goes to work, labors, and comes home and stays up late worrying.

The Psalmist encourages us that if we will trust in the LORD and have Faith in the LORD that he will give his beloved sleep.

Proverbs 3:23-24 **Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble. 24 When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.**

But there is one thing in this text that is not “Vain” that is our Children!

Our Children are not Vain, Empty or Worthless, but rather they are “Worth it!”

They are worth having:

- Parents that will Protect them, Provide for them, Pray for them, and Push them to serve God!
- Pastor’s that will Preach to them, Pray for them, Promote the things of God before them!
- A Church that will be Separated, have Shouting, Standards, Singing, and Scriptural!

Needless to say, our Children are Worth it!!!

End of Introduction:

I. Children are Precious. Vs 3

“Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.”

1. They are a Gift. Vs 3a

“Lo, children are an heritage”

The word “Heritage” in our text means “an inheritance”.

The word “Inheritance” is a family word meaning that children are a gift to a family.

2. They are from God. Vs 3b

“Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord:”

God is the one who gives us children, they are a gift from God!

3. They are his Goodness. Vs 3c

“Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.”

“God gives us children not as a penalty nor a burden but as a favor”-Spurgeon

II. Children have Potential. Vs 4

“As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.”

1. We note the Example. Vs 4a

“As arrows”

***“Arrows are of little value unless they have been taken care of and made straight and strong”-
John Butler***

If Arrows/Children are going to be successful in their purpose they must:

- A. Have the right Position.**
- B. Have the right Placement. (On the string)**
- C. Be Pointed the right direction.**
- D. Have the right Parameters.**

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

2. We note the Expectation. Vs 4b

“As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man;”

If the arrows are the children, then the mighty man is the be the parent.

We as Parents need to be mighty in the things of God for the sake of our children.

3. We note the Engaging. Vs 4c

“As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.”

The truth we must note in this phrase is “the children of the youth” and the truth that I want to emphasize that we only have our children for a short time, they do not stay young forever.

From birth to age 20, is

Six hundred thirty million seven hundred twenty thousand seconds.

Ten million five hundred twelve thousand minutes.

7,300 days.

1,040 weeks.

240 months.

2 decades.

We have a short time to invest in our children so we would be wise to take full advantage of every opportunity we have to teach them and train them.

III. Children bring Pleasure. Vs 5

“Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.”

1. The Attitude. Vs 5a

“Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them:”

The truth of this verse is that the man who has children is blessed by them because he recognizes that they are truly a gift from God!

2. Their Adulthood. Vs 5b

“they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.”

They bring pleasure because at their adulthood they are not ashamed of how they were raised and the principles that guide their life.

They can stand in the gate, face the enemy and not be shaken in their faith because they were raised right for the glory of God.