

Subj: Family  
Text: Psalm 127  
Meth: Textual

**Titl: Unashamed Parenting**

G.Pp: Instruct regarding proper parent/child relationship.

S.Pp: Contrast worldly attitude toward raising children with the Bible, and extoll unashamed Christian parenting.

Thesis: Family originated in the mind of God, and never be enjoyed to its fullest without recognizing and honoring His authority to rule in the family.

**I. “Except the Lord build the house... (Probable ref. to second, Nehemiah’s, temple) ... applies equally to all human relationships-spiritual, social, secular**

- A. God must be acknowledged as:
  - 1. Designer/architect - there is a plan (Heb 8:4-5)
  - 2. Commissioner/authority -
    - a. Spiritual (Ecc. 12:13)
    - b. Secular (Rom. 13:1)
    - c. Familial (Josh. 24:15; Eph. 6:1-4)
- B. True with respect to house of God -- (1 Tim 3:15) But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.
- C. True with regard to the house of the human family - i.e.: house of the Lord; house of Israel; house of Judah; house of David; house of Solomon; etc.
  - 1. God is designer - (Gen 2:21-25; cf. Mat 19:4-6)
  - 2. God is the authority and the basis for the home/family! READ Eph. 5:21 ff.; 6:1-4
- D. If God is not the builder, all worry, work, wakefulness, watchfulness is vain!

**II. Children are an heritage of the Lord...**

- A. Heritage=something received of another
  - 1. Although physical human offspring - to be regarded as a gift from God
  - 2. Christian’s view of children is to be different from that of the world
- B. Fruit of the womb is his reward
  - 1. An objectionable view of children is a rejection of divine heritage and reward
  - 2. Reward - (Prov 17:6) Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers. (cf. Prov 10:1; Exo 20:12)
- C. As heritage, to be cherished and trained up (how prioritize?)
  - 1. **Teach** - (Deu 6:7)
  - 2. **Train** - (Prov 22:6)
  - 3. **Provide** for - (2 Cor 12:14; cf. Mat 7:9-11)
  - 4. **Nurture** - (Eph 6:4)
  - 5. **Control** - (1 Tim 3:4; cf. 1 Tim 3:12)
  - 6. **Love** - (Titus 2:4)

### **III. Happy and unashamed!**

- A. Arrows illustrate the value and service of godly children
  - 1. Raising children matures adults!
  - 2. Mature, godly children are blessings to aging parents
- B. There is no shame in a godly home w/godly parents/children!
  - 1. Shame arrives with sin, neglect, abuse
  - 2. No shame, no guilt in righteousness
    - a. No shame in Christ - (Rom 9:33
    - b. No shame in the gospel - (Rom 1:16-17
    - c. No shame in living, or suffering for Christ - (1 Pet 4:16)
    - d. No shame before Him in judgment - (1 John 2:28)

### **Conclusion:**

- A. Except the Lord build the house - designer/authority
  - 1. Depend on him
  - 2. Accept his will
  - 3. Respect his power
  - 4. Benefit from his blessings
- B. Children are a gift and a reward - to be taught, trained up, cared for, nurtured, controlled, and loved
- C. Parents and children who live by the instruction of God have nothing to be ashamed of (Prov 20:11; Psa 127:5)

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