

## **Valuing Your Children** **Psalm 127:1-5**

### **I. GOD: "He gives to His beloved" (vv.1-2)**

#### **A. Strong: "Unless the LORD...in vain" (v.1)**

1. Provision: "builds the house" (v.1a)
2. Protection: "guards the city" (v.1b)

#### **B. Sovereign: "It is vain...He gives" (v.2)**

1. Human Efforts: "rise up...retire...labors" (v.2a)
  - a. Sleep Terminated: "to rise up early"
  - b. Sleep Neglected: "to retire late"
  - c. Severe Toil: "to eat the bread of painful labors"
2. Human Needs: "He gives to his beloved" (v.2b)

### **II. GIFT: "children are a gift" (vv.3-5)**

#### **A. Heritage: "a gift...a reward" (v.3)**

1. Assets: "children are a gift of the LORD" (v.3a)
2. Blessings: "the fruit of the womb a reward" (v.3b)

#### **B. Help: "Like arrows...of one's youth" (v.4)**

1. Tools: "the hand of a warrior" (v.4a)
2. Trust: "the children of one's youth" (v.4b)

#### **C. Happiness: "How blessed...in the gate" (v.5)**

1. Contented: "blessed is the man" (v.5a)
2. Confident: "they shall not be ashamed" (v.5b)