

INTRODUCTION

A. PSALMS OF ASCENTS (120-134; *geographical, spiritual*; perh. architectural, literary, vocal; 2Chr8:13; Ps24:3; Hb12:22f)

B. DIVINE SOVEREIGNTY & HUMAN RESPONSIBILITY (Ps.127&128; see Mk.4:27; 1Cor.4:6,7; 3:6)

C. INDIVIDUAL & CORPORATE; BEATITUDE & BENEDICTION (1-4 & 5,6; arrival & departure?)

I. BEATITUDE: BLESSING DESCRIBED (1-4)

A. HOW BLESSED (1,4; 127:5; see 1:1 & 2:12; see Mt.5:3f; see Lev.26; Dt.27,28; Lk.6:21f/24f)

B. FEARS // WALKS (1; see Jn.14:15f; see Mt.7:17f; Jms.2:18; Eph.2:5f&10)

C. HIS WAYS: THE LAW (1; see Gen.18:19; Ps.18:20,21; Acts 18:25; see Ps.119; Rom.7:12)

D. EVERYONE: A GENERAL RULE (1; see Ps.1; Prov.; Mt.5:3f)

E. ENJOY THE OUTCOME OF GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT (2a,b; see 127:1f; Eccl.2:24f)

1. *grapes, olives, table: eat to enjoy* (2,3; see Ps.34:8; Lk.22:19f; Jn.6:53f)

2. *wife: the attractive, productive heart of a home* (3a; see Song 7:8f; Prov.31:10f; 1Sam.25:3; 1Tm.5:13f; 1Pt.3:7)

3. *children: the numerous, hopeful arms of a home* (3b; see 127:3f; Eph.6:1f)

F. ORDINARY, HUMBLE ELEMENTS OF THE BLESSING OF A GREAT MAN (4, see 1; see 1Tm.6:8)

II. BENEDICTION: BLESSING DECLARED (5,6)

A. BEHOLD (4; see 127:3)

B. BLESS (5; see 4; see Num.6:24f)

C. FROM ZION (5a; 127:1f; see 125:1; 126:1; see Mt.6:9f; Ps.57:3; 78:24)

D. GOOD (5, see 2; 107:9; Rom.15:14)

E. JERUSALEM, ALL DAYS, GRANDCHILDREN, ISRAEL (5,6; see 122:2,36; 124:1; 125:2; 103:17)

F. PEACE (6; see 125:5; see 120:7; 122:6-8 /1Tm.1:2; 2Tm.1:2; 2Jo.1:3; also Tt.1:4; 1Pt.1:2; 2Pt.1:2 /2Cor.5:21)

III. LESSONS FOR FAITH & LIFE

A. KNOW & BELIEVE THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL LIVE & THE FAITHFUL SHALL BE BLESSED
(Ps.128 /*The Bible* /Lk.10:28; Lev.18:5; Ezk.20:11; Mt.19:17 /Hbk2:4; Rm1:17 /Mt7:17f; Jms2:18; Eph2:5f&10; 2C5:10)

B. REJECT THE PROSPERITY & POSTERITY GOSPEL (see 1Cor.15:58; Mt.6:19f; Col.3:1-4 / Mt5:10-16;
1Pt.2:18f; 4:12f; Mt.10:21,35; see 1Tm.5:24,25; Rev.14:13)

C. JUDGE JUSTLY AND NOT ACCORDING TO MERE APPEARANCE (Jn.7:24 /Job 1,2; 4:7,8; 8:1-7;
see 1Tm.3:4f; 5:19,20)

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Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)