

The Quiver

“A Prayer for Our Children, Our Homes, Our City, Our Land”

I. SCRIPTURE

Psalm 127:3-5 KJV – “Lo, children are a heritage of YAHUAH [the LORD]: and the fruit of the womb is His reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. 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.”

II. EXCEPT YAHUAH [the LORD] BUILD THE HOUSE

Today’s scripture from Psalm 127 begins with “except YAHUAH [the LORD] build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except YAHUAH [the LORD] keep the city, the watchman wakens but in vain. 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.”

“Lo, children are a heritage of YAHUAH [the LORD]: and the fruit of the womb is His reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. 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.”

What an amazing architectural structure this Psalm is, with the Psalm that follows it!

A. A HOUSE IS A GIFT FROM YAHUAH [the LORD]

When we read the word “house”, it means a domestic shelter. But the Hebrew word for *house* “is a pun on that for ‘children’ in verse three (3), where it reads that “children are a heritage of YAHUAH [the LORD]: and the fruit of the womb is His reward” to those “who fear [Him], who walk in obedience to Him” (Psalm 128:1). So as our house, our domestic shelter is a gift from Him – and not an entitlement from Him as is our food and clothing – our children, too, are a gift from YAHUAH [the LORD].¹

In the Israelite’s economy, an inheritance from YAHUAH [the LORD] was first of all property in the promised land which provided a sure place for them in their life as well as “rest”² (Josh. 1:13) from YAHUAH [the LORD]’s kingdom. But...

¹ Psalm 127. TNIV Study Bible. (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan, 2006). 996.

² Josh. 1:13

... without children, their inheritance in the land would be lost. So then, their children were a heritage for them in a double-sense.³

I challenge each of you today to look at Holy Scripture and tell me where it says that you and I are entitled to a house as YAHWEH [God]’s people. We can look throughout the Bible and find several scriptures that will tell us we are entitled to food and clothing, but not to a house. Our Savior YAHUSHA [Jesus] had food and clothing, but no house of His own. You’ll remember that “... YAHUSHA [Jesus] said ... **‘foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head’.**”⁴ And yet, although our Savior had nowhere to lay His head, many of us are blessed with a house (less of us, however, blessed with a house free from debt). (Comment: abroad; praises in the morning shower)

B. BLESSINGS IN FEARING YAHUAH [God]

“Blessed is everyone that fears YAHUAH [the LORD], who walk in obedience to Him. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. Yes, this will be the blessing for the man [and woman] who fears YAHUAH [the LORD].”⁵

C. CHILDREN ARE A GIFT FROM YAHUAH [the LORD]

Through today’s scripture, the Psalmist establishes that children are also a gift and not an entitlement: a gift to those who fear and obey YAHUAH [God]. So, contrary to what we might think, a child is not the mere product of a man’s virility and a woman’s fertility.⁶ And as we learn from scripture today, a house is a blessing, a gift and not an entitlement from God [YAHUAH]. So we learn, too, that children are a gift and not an entitlement from Him, and in many cases they often become a blessing within a blessing where we are have children whom YAHUAH [God] has provided us, who also fill the houses that YAHUAH [God] also provides us: a place we call home, where we can shelter, where we can enjoy the fruit of our labor, to rest and find “beloved sleep”. And as the verses of Psalm 128 say, this is a blessed place where “Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. Yes, this will be the blessing for the man [and woman] who fears YAHUAH [the LORD].”

³ TNIV Study Bible, 996.

⁴ Matt. 8:20 (NKJV)

⁵ Ps. 128:1-4 (NKJV)

⁶ TNIV Study Bible, 996.

D. CONDITIONAL BLESSINGS

But lest we forget, as Psalm 128 also indicates, these blessings can only be firmly established if they are built by YAHUAH [God], if we fear Him and walk in obedience to Him. And so, our heritage as YAHUAH [God]’s people is established through our fear of Him, loving Him and keeping His commandments.⁷

III. A BROADER TERRITORY

You’ll notice that in today’s (Psalm 127 and 128) scripture, our conditional blessings as His people expand way beyond the confines of our domestic shelters; there is some broader real estate beyond our homes to which we need to apply YAHUAH [God]’s conditional blessings upon us.

A. OUR HOUSE; OUR CITY

“Except YAHUAH [the LORD] keep the city, the watchman wakes but in vain” (Psalm 127:1n). YAHUSHA [Jesus] also describes our city, **“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.”** (Matthew 5:14-15)

And so, as YAHUAH [the LORD] builds our houses, He is also building our city, so that the blessings that he provides us, including our blessing of a “quiver full of children”⁸, become as a “city on a hill” as an example that cannot be hidden”, and that “gives light to all who are in the house”.

B. A FULL QUIVER OF CHILDREN: OUR DEFENSE AGAINST OUR ENEMIES

“Lo, children are a heritage of YAHUAH [the LORD]: and the fruit of the womb is His reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children [born in one’s] youth. Happy is the man [and woman] that hath his (and her) quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.” (Psalm 127:3-5)

And now we learn further that it will be our children who witness to the enemy that we find within our city’s gates. This is the enemy, those who are not of YAHUAH [the LORD] house nor of YAHUAH [the LORD]’s city, but the enemy, those people within our city: within our communities, within our churches, and even within our dwellings. They are people of Satan and his league, who have us hemmed in, against whom we are defending ourselves, in a defensive battle.

⁷ John 14:15

⁸ Ps. 127:5

And as it is stated, if we have a full quiver of children, a blessing of YAHUAH [God], then we have a better, more defensible position upon which we can defend ourselves.

C. A FULL QUIVER OF CHILDREN: OUR GUARANTEE OF PEACE & PROSPERITY

“And “YAHUAH [the LORD] shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.” (Psalm 128: 5-6)

Finally, we learn that it is our full quiver of children, and our grandchildren, and great grandchildren, through whom we will continue to possess YAHUAH [God]’s spiritual and physical blessings. Yes, it is through our full quiver of children that we will continue to experience the good and prosperity of our city; it is through our full quiver of children they we will continued to have peace in our land.

IV. OUR CHILDREN AS ARROWS (WEAPONS WITHIN OUR QUIVER)

A. QUALITY – RAISING UP AN ARMY OF YAHUAH [God]’s PEOPLE

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”⁹

As parents, we are to constantly train our children to respect and obey YAHUAH [God] and mankind. As parental figures within the church, within the body of YAHUSHA [Jesus], being a light, a positive Christian example, to each and every child who is within in the house that YAHUAH [God] has built, within your area of influence. It is not by happenstance that this particular GFAN body has started a Christian school. It is no coincidence that GFAN previously, and continues to this day to also focuses on the development of Christian schools and orphanages around the world. For it is through these children and YAHUAH [God]’s blessings that we will raise up children to be lights that shine and arrows that attack... defensive weapons who defend YAHUAH [God]’s house, His City, and His land.

B. QUANTITY – GOD’S PEOPLE DEFENDING AGAINST ABORTIONS & INFANTICIDE

On the quantity side of the issue of having children with which to fill our quivers, there is no doubt that Satan and his league are hard at work. It’s not just that

⁹ Prov. 22:6

there were over 42.3 million abortions world-wide in 2019. By contrast, 8.2 million people died from cancer in 2019, 5 million from smoking, 13 million from disease, and 1.7 million died of HIV/AIDS.¹⁰ And yet, there are some within YAHUAH [God]’s body, His church that are turning a blind eye to this Satanic, worldly behavior.

Wouldn’t you think that if “children are a heritage of YAHUAH [the LORD]: and the fruit of the womb is His reward”, and that He wants to bless His people His with a “quiver full of them... and bless your community with good and prosperity through them... and provide peace within your land through them, that we, as YAHUAH [God]’s people, should be giving it much more attention than we do? Should each and every one of us be praying earnestly, and doing all that we can to give this crisis our full attention? “What can we do?”, you might ask. For one thing, use the current election to vote in candidates and platforms that protect the lives of these unprotected children. If we, each and every one of us also a child and a unique blessing of YAHUAH [God], really wanted to know the truth about the people and policies on the ballot, then we are able to pray earnestly that we might make the right decision. Do not think for one instance, that your thoughts and actions aren’t being recorded in the books of The Almighty in Heaven.

V. A Prayer for Ourselves: Our Children, Our Homes, Our City, Our Land

I pray now that you will be on the right side of your city’s walls. I pray that you will join the rest of all of YAHUAH [God]’s people who have prayed and fasted in the last few weeks... who have sought His face and turned from their previously wicked thoughts and actions. I pray that our YAHUAH [God] might hear our prayer, and heal our land, and cure and protect us from its diseases and fever. There is no better time than now to make your choice the right one. For the rewards are monumental: gainful labor and being able to eat the labor of your hands; enjoying restful nights, having true happiness with a quiver full of children who will be capable to stand up for and defend you in your time of need, a protected community, and a peaceful land. It’s not too late today to begin making the right choices in YAHUAH [God] by asking Him now to guide your with His RUACH [Spirit].

¹⁰ Ertelt, Steven & Bilger, Micaiah; “Abortion Was the Leading Cause of Death Worldwide in 2019, Killing 42 Million People,” (Life News.com, Washington, DC), December 31, 2019, accessed October 31, 2020; <https://www.lifenews.com/2019/12/31/abortion-was-the-leading-cause-of-death-worldwide-in-2019-killing-42-million-people/>

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