

“The Useful Father”

Text: Psalm 127

Scripture reading: I Peter 5:1-11

I. God working – vv. 1-2

A) God as a home-builder

1. God's _____: (His _____ and His _____)
(Rom. 12:2; Col. 1:9-12)

2. God's _____: (His _____ and His _____)
(II Pet. 1:2-4; II Tim. 3:16-17)

3. God's _____: (His _____ and His _____)
(Col. 3:17; I Pet. 5:4)

B) God as a home-protector

1. God's _____: (His _____ and His _____)
(Is. 55:8-9)

2. God's _____: (His _____ and His _____)

3. God's _____: (His _____ and His _____)
(Pr. 3:5-6)

II. God rewarding – vv. 3-5

Conclusion: The benefit of Psalm 127; it...

1)...encourages a deeper _____, _____ and _____
for God; it calls us to be _____ men.

2)...encourages a deeper _____, _____ and _____ for
God; it calls us to be _____ men.

3)...encourages a deeper _____, _____ and _____
in God; it calls to be _____ men.

“...men, however much they may excel in wisdom and virtue, and whatever may be the undertaking in which they may engage, can effect nothing, unless in so far as God stretches forth His hand to them, or rather makes use of them as His instruments.”

-John Calvin (1509-1564)

SERMON QUOTES:

B) God as a home-protector

Point #3

Geneva series commentary on Psalms,

“The only way of having a quiet mind and good success, is to use the means (of God) without anxiety, and to commit the success to God, (vs. 2). Rising early, sitting up late, rigid economy, extraordinary efforts and great sorrow of heart at failure may wear us away, but can never take the place of God.”

Conclusion:

W. Plumer,

“We are no less dependent on God for our domestic happiness and success, (vs. 3). Children themselves will but wring our hearts with anguish, except as God leads them in the paths of peace and virtue. Children are to us what God makes them, comforts or crosses.”