

Summer in the Psalms

Family Playlist (Psalm 128)

Opening: At our house we love music! All kinds! We love jamming out in the car. Windows down, dancing and singing. Those are some great memories. Now the kids are older and they listen to their own music with earbuds or Beats.

All of us are singing a song. Before Jesus we were singing a different song but then He put new sing in my mouth....our families have a song too.

Psalm 40:3 (AMP)

³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; Many will see and fear [with great reverence] And will trust confidently in the Lord.

God's playlist for your family is one of order and blessing.

1. The family is the first institution established by God
2. God gave the family the responsibility to rule over creation
3. It's not everything but it is the foundation to God's rule in the earth
4. Satan waited until Adam got married before letting all hell break loose because he was after God's program, not just an individual
5. Your family is critical to the blessing of God reaching the world

Context: *1 of 15 songs sung by travelers on their way to Jerusalem, usually to worship at one of the yearly feast. They are singing (jamming out) to songs about their Lord, their families, and their churches, and their cities.*

Psalm 128 (NKJV)

*Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways. **2** When you eat the labor of your hands, you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you. **3** Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the very heart of your house, Your children like olive plants All around your table. **4** Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord. **5** The Lord bless you out of Zion, and may you see the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life. **6** Yes, may you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!*

- Every good song needs a good arrangement (order).
- God is a God of order and there is an order to His blessing

Track 1: Me (The Individual)

Vs. 1-2

*Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways. **2** When you eat the labor of your hands, you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.*

- **Blessing of the Lord** This is the blessing of God to you and through you
 - You haven't experienced the fullness of God's blessing unless it's a pass through
 - Whatever you want God to do to you , tell him how he can do it through you
- **Fear the Lord**
 - An attitude (respect and reverence) that results in an action (obedience).
 - take him serious not casually (Relational AND Respectful)

Actions- You fear the Lord with your feet not your feelings *"If the heart is joined unto God, the feet will follow hard after him."* (Spurgeon)

Progress- Growth is a result of making a place for him

Continuance- Continually abide in him

Habit- He is the constant theme of your life

Acts 17:28

For in him we live and move and exist.

Track 2: My House (The Family)

Vs. 3

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the very heart of your house, Your children like olive plants all I around your table.

- **Wife:**
 - The first place to look to see if the fear of God is in your house is in your wife.
 - A fruitful vine provides refreshing and nourishment as well as joy and gladness.
 - "in the heart" speaks to her faithfulness

Proverbs 18:22 *The man who finds a wife finds a treasure, and he receives favor from the Lord.*

- **Children:**
 - It takes 15 years for an olive plant to become an olive tree
 - The table was for eating and leading
 - As parents we shape the world view of our children (They aren't perfect and we aren't either)
 - *"Societal breakdown in the United States doesn't begin with the White House; it begins in your house."* Dr. Tony Evans
 - We are living in a day where children learn from culture instead of their parents. Culture is setting their priorities instead of family. God designed your family song to transform culture. Don't download your family playlist from the world, get it from the Word.
 - You can't fear the Lord and fear your kids at the same time. As God-fearing parents, we can rise up, "This is the song of our house"

- We will answer to the Lord, not them.

Example: Magnetic sensitivity – Mom and dad set the conscience to beep

3 Things Kids Should Learn Around the Table: (This is genre filter)

Who He is.

Who they are.

They need Him.

Track 3: His House (The Local Church)

Vs. 5a

The Lord bless you out of Zion

- Zion was a mountain, a city and a temple- the dwelling place of God
- Why did a Jewish father and mother take their family to Zion? To see something bigger they were part of. (This thing God is doing is huge.)
- Next to feeding me and making sure I was safe, the best thing my parents did for me was took me to church. (Present, Active, Engaging, Empowering)
- They didn't have to tell me church was important. They showed me.
- Hebrews 12 tells us that Zion is the people of God.
- God uses church for what he does in the community

Ephesians 3:10

God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

Track 4: The City (The Community)

Vs. 5b-6

And may you see the good of Jerusalem All the days of your life.6 Yes, may you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

- God strategically builds families in churches for the community
- God's blessing on your family is multigenerational

ME + MY HOUSE + HIS HOUSE = KINGDOM IMPACT

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