

Faith of Our Fathers

Psalms 128:1-6

Introduction:

“A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society.”

- Billy Graham

I. The character that he lives. (V. 1-2)

A. A faithful father has reverence for the Lord.

Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways. Psalms 128:1

“Blessed denotes the integrity and way of life that corresponds to God’s expectations, not that he was sinless. This description contrasts with instances where children of God did what was right in their own eyes.”

- Dr. David Jeremiah

B. A faithful father receives rewards from the Lord.

For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

Psalms 128:2

II. The companion that he loves. (V. 3)

“Marriage is an ongoing, vivid illustration of what it costs to love an imperfect person unconditionally. The same way Christ has loved us.”

- Max Lucado

A. A faithful husband’s love produces fruit.

- ◆ The productivity of a wife who a husband loves. ***Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine . . . Psalms 128:3***
- ◆ The security of a wife that a husband sacrifices for. ***Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; Ephesians 5:25***
- ◆ The confidence of a wife that a husband puts priority on. ***So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. Ephesians 5:28***

- ◆ The peace of a wife that a husband forgives. ***Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. Colossians 3:19***
- ◆ The mental health of a wife that a husband cherishes. . . . ***but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: Ephesians 5:29***

B. A faithful husband's love produces security.

. . by the sides of thine house: Psalms 128:3

*“No relationship demands more careful word management than marriage.
The more intimate the relationship the more powerful the words.”*
- Max Lucado

And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? (V. 6) Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. Matthew 19:5-6

III. The children that he leads. (V. 3)

“Home is the university of life with parents as the professors, children as students, and life as the lab.”
- Adrian Rogers

A. A faithful father cultivates his children.

. . thy children like olive plants . . . Psalms 128:3

- ◆ The equity of our children ***Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. Psalms 127:3***
- ◆ The impact of our children. ***As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; Psalms 127:4***
- ◆ The protection of our children. . . . ***but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate. Psalms 127:5***

B. A faithful father cares for his children.

. . round about thy table. Psalms 128:3

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4