

The Kingdom **Kingdom Family**

Psalm 128

The Kingdom: God's comprehensive rule over all creation.

Throughout the Bible we see God's mighty hand on families and how he uses them to accomplish incredible things.

A family was formed before sin entered the world: "And God blessed them. And God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.' " **Genesis 1:28**

God saved mankind through Noah's family: "But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you." **Genesis 6:18**

The Nation of Israel was established through Abraham and his family: "So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.⁵ And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan." **Genesis 12:4-5**

The promised Messiah would come forth through the family of David: "When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever." **2 Samuel 7:12-13**

Main Idea: God Uses Kingdom Families to Advance His Eternal Kingdom.

*"Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways! You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord. The Lord bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!" **Psalm 128***

Three foundational truths we all must know about Kingdom Families:

I. **A Kingdom Family Begins with God**

*"Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways! You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you." **Psalm 128:1-2***

*"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." **Matthew 6:33***

II. **A Kingdom Family is Blessed by God**

*"Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord." **Psalm 128:3-4***

*"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing." **James 1:22-25,***

III. **A Kingdom Family is a Blessing from God**

*"The Lord bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!" **Psalm 128:5-6***

*"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." **Matthew 5:16***

Sources and Further Reading Opportunities: