

LESSONS FROM PSALMS ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT

Scripture: Psalms 128:1-6

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Introduction:

- A. We do not know whom God used to write this Psalm.
- B. It is a Psalm that deals with happiness and how it can be realized.
- C. The word "blessed" is replaced with the word "happiness" in most translations.

I. LEARN WHAT ARE THE TWO BASIC INGREDIENCE FOR TRUE HAPPINESS. v.1

- A. Happy is everyone that feareth the Lord.
 1. The word "fear" does not mean to be afraid.
 2. It does mean to respect, to have a reverential trust in God.
 3. Those who have this reverential trust in God are saved.
 - a. They have recognized God as God ... the only God.
 - b. They have seen themselves as sinners before God.
 - c. They have asked forgiveness for having offended God.
 - d. They have trusted God to save them.
- B. Happy is everyone who walks in the ways of the Lord.
 1. To walk in the ways of the Lord, we must first accept Him as Master of our lives.
 2. We must search to find His will in our lives.
 3. We must strive to do His will ... walk in His ways.

II. LEARN WHAT ARE SOME PROMISED BLESSINGS: OR WHAT DOES GOD PROMISE THAT WILL MAKE US HAPPY.

- A. v.2a The ability to earn a living.
 1. Eat the labor of our hands.
 2. A person who respects God respects God's Word.
 - a. God's Word declares that man will eat in the sweat of his face. Gen. 3:19
 - b. A busy man is a happy man.
 - c. Idleness begets unhappiness and discontent.
- B. v.3 A good family if it is his choice to marry and he marries IN THE LORD.
 1. A fruitful wife
 2. Healthy children.
- C. vs. 2b, 5, 6 Secure future.
 1. v.2b It SHALL be well with thee. This is future. Happy now and happy in the future.
 2. v.5 You shall see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.
 3. v.6 You shall see your grand children.
 4. v.6 You shall see peace in Israel.
- D. v.4 THUS ... in this way ye shall be happy.
 1. God can not make us happy.
 2. He does provide the way ... we must fit into it.