



JERUSALEM'S PROSPERITY

Psalm 128

Sermon notes from 8/3/08

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Summary

Songs of Ascents

This collection of 15 songs (Ps 120-134) was a special hymn book for Israel's use on their way to Jerusalem for the covenant feasts. They help us give voice to the longing of God's people to be with our God together.

Text

¹ **Blessed** are all who **fear the LORD**,
who **walk in His ways**.

² You will eat the fruit of your labor;
blessings and prosperity will be yours.

³ Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
within your house;
your sons will be like olive shoots
around your table.

⁴ Thus is the man blessed who **fears the LORD**.

⁵ May the LORD bless you from Zion
all the days of your life;

may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem,

⁶ and may you live to see your children's children.

Peace be upon Israel.

Message

I. **What does it mean to fear the Lord?**

II. **What does He promise His people?**

III. **How are we to pursue peace and prosperity?**

Application

Please pray and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you with the following questions:

What does/would it look like for you to walk in God's ways?

Which of His promises are the most difficult for you to believe? Why?

How do we trust God with these promises as a community of faith?