

*Finding Yourself in the Psalms*  
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Family reunions

Psalm of Solomon - Song of ascents

Words reminiscent of Ecclesiastes.

- I. 127:1-2 Successful Families Depend on the Lord
  - A. Analogies:
    1. BUILDER
    2. SOLDIER
    3. FARMER (see Psalm 128:2)
  - B. Similar passages
    1. 2 Tim 4:1-6 (Soldier, athlete, farmer)
    2. 1 Cor 3:9 (God's field, God's building)
  - C. Application.
    1. Can you build without God?
    2. Can you soldier without God?
    3. **King Saul offered sacrifice in his strength (1 Sam 13:7-14)**
    4. If we want his blessing, we must seek first His Kingdom
- II. 127:3-5. Children are a part of God's plan for blessing
  - A. "Heritage" *nahal* "gift" "Giving or receiving"  
Israel was God's INHERITANCE Deuteronomy 32:9 (NIV) For the LORD's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted inheritance.
  - B. "Reward" = hire. Wages. Proverbs 11:18 The wicked man earns deceptive wages, but he who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward.
  - C. Children helped PROTECT the family. "Arrows in the hands of a warrior"
    1. Jacob's sons
  - D. **Importance of parenting. Children are a precious commodity.**
    1. God's angels guard over them. Matt 18:1-10 (esp v. 10)
    2. Jesus loves them. Matt 19:13-14
  - E. Parenting

F. Importance of children's ministry

G. We ought to allow our children the opportunity to CONTENT for the FAITH