

Finding Yourself in the Psalms
Psalm 128
A Psalm for a Happy Home

127-128 the HOME

127 Children are a blessing
128 description of the blessing

127 Israel in PERIL
128 Israel at PEACE

- I. The FOUNDATION for a HAPPY HOME (a happy life. . .) is the **FEAR of the LORD**
- A. (Proverbs 1:7) *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline."*
 - B. (1 Peter 3:9) *"Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may **inherit a blessing.**"*
 - C. (Psalm 37:23-25) *"If the Lord delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm; though he stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand. I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread."*
 - D. (Psalm 84:11) *"For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless."*
 - E. (2 Chronicles 16:9) *"For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him."*
 - F. The BEATITUDES. Matt 5
- II. The **FOUR BLESSINGS** of a Happy Home
- A. Sufficiency. 128:2
 - 1. To provide for my family
 - B. Abundance. 128:2
 - C. Happiness. 128:3
 - 1. Joy
 - D. Posterity (legacy)
 - 1. MC Teens now youth leaders
 - 2. My children. The "TRIBE" of Barreca
 - 3. (Deuteronomy 1:11) *"May the Lord, the God of your fathers, increase you a thousand times and bless you as he has promised!"*
 - 4. (Deuteronomy 6:3) *"Hear, O Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your fathers, promised you."*
 - 5. (Deuteronomy 8:1) *"Be careful to follow every command I am giving you"*

today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land that the Lord promised on oath to your forefathers."

6. (Psalm 115:14) *"May the Lord make you increase, both you and your children."*

John Howard Payne (9 June 1791 - 10 April 1852) was an American actor and playwright. He is today most remembered as the author of "Home Sweet Home", **a song he wrote in 1822.**

After spending nearly **twenty years in Europe**, Payne **returned to the United States**,

In 1842 John Payne was **appointed by President Tyler** to be the **American consul at Tunis** in Africa. Payne **died in Tunis in 1852.**

MID PLEASURES and palaces though we may roam,
Be it ever so humble there 's no place like home!
A charm from the sky seems to hallow us there,
Which, seek through the world, is ne'er met with elsewhere.
Home! home! sweet, sweet home! 5
There 's no place like home!

An exile from home, splendor dazzles in vain:
O, give me my lowly thatched cottage again!
The birds singing gayly that came at my call;—
Give me them,—and the peace of mind dearer than all! 10
Home! home! sweet, sweet home!
There 's no place like home!

How sweet 't is to sit 'neath a fond father's smile,
And the cares of a mother to soothe and beguile!
Let others delight mid new pleasures to roam, 15
But give me, oh, give me, the pleasures of home!
Home! home! sweet, sweet home!
There 's no place like home!

To thee I 'll return, overburdened with care;
The heart's dearest solace will smile on me there; 20
No more from that cottage again will I roam;
Be it ever so humble, there 's no place like home.
Home! home! sweet, sweet home!
There 's no place like home