

BLESS INGS

Psalm 128



Psalm 128:1-6



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King James Version

**1 Blessed is every one that feareth
the Lord; that walketh in his ways.**

**2 For thou shalt eat the labour of
thine hands: happy shalt thou be,
and it shall be well with thee.**

**3 Thy wife shall be as a fruitful
vine by the sides of thine house:
thy children like olive plants round
about thy table.**

**4 Behold, that thus shall the man be
blessed that feareth the Lord.**

**5 The Lord shall bless thee out of
Zion: and thou shalt see the good of
Jerusalem all the days of thy life.**

**6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's
children, and peace upon Israel.**

The city of Jerusalem is situated on a high hill. Jews traveling to Jerusalem for one of the three main annual Jewish festivals traditionally sang these songs on the “ascent” or the uphill road to the city. According to some traditions, the Jewish priests also sang some of these Songs of Ascent as they walked up the steps to the temple in Jerusalem.



Each of the psalms in this collection begins with the title “A Song of Ascents.” While perhaps they were not originally composed for this purpose, these psalms were later grouped together for use in traveling toward Jerusalem for the yearly Jewish festivals.

The theme of each Song of Ascent offers much encouragement for those who seek to worship God today:

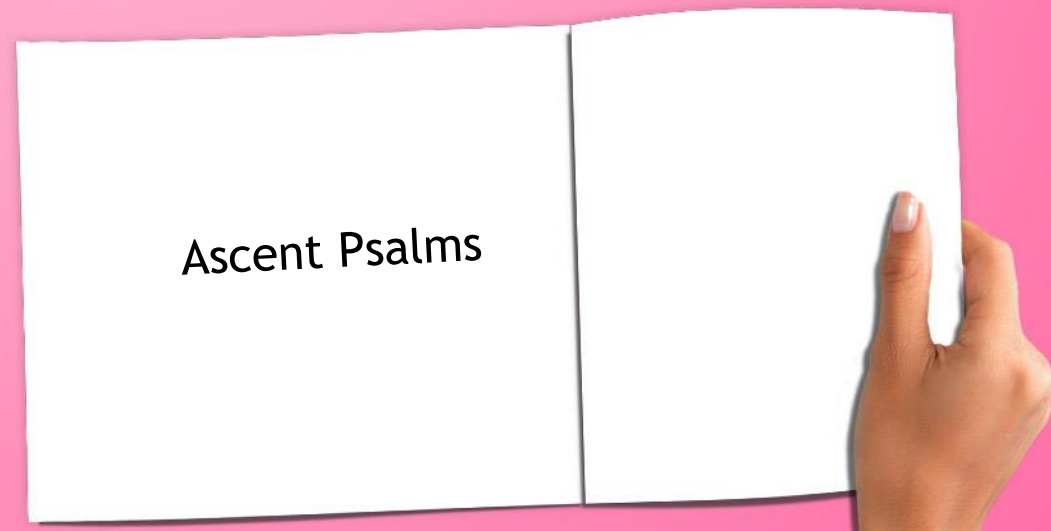
Psalm 120: God’s presence during distress

Psalm 121: Joyful praise to the Lord

Psalm 122: Prayer for Jerusalem

Psalm 123: Patience for God’s mercy

Psalm 124: Help comes from the Lord



Psalm 125: Prayer for God's blessing upon His people

Psalm 126: The Lord has done great things

Psalm 127: God's blessing on man's efforts

Psalm 128: Joy for those who follow God's ways

Psalm 129: A cry for help to the Lord

Psalm 130: A prayer of repentance

Psalm 131: Surrender as a child to the Lord

Psalm 132: God's sovereign plan for His people

Psalm 133: Praise of brotherly fellowship and unity

Psalm 134: Praise to God in His temple



Ascent Psalms

I. The Sanctity of the Family



Verses 1-3

A. The Proper Center

“Happy is Everyone that Feareth the Lord”



**B. The Proper Circumference
“That Walketh in His Ways”**



II. The Scope of the Lord's Blessings

The Lord promises four things that He will take care of for those who get the center and circumference right.



Verse 2

1. Our Finances

“For thou shalt eat the labor of thine hands”



2. Our Feelings

“Happy thou shalt be”



3. Our future

“It shall be well with thee”



4. Our family

“Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thy house; thy children like olive plants round about thy table”

