



HARMONY IN THE HOME PART 2 – PSALM 127

I. INTRODUCTION: “THE APPLE DOESN’T FALL FAR FROM THE TREE...” (LUKE 6:40)

- A. The godly role model of Sarah (I Peter 3:1-6)...daughters of Sarah! (v6)
1. The _____ hearted spirit of submission (v1)
 2. The behavior biblically reflecting a healthy fear of God (v2)
 3. The heart of great price to God: _____, quiet spirit (v3-4)
 4. The holy attitude and actions of persevering humility, service (v5-6)
 - a. Loving their husbands as they love Jesus (Eph. 5:22)
 - b. Laboring to make the home a haven of testimony (Titus 2:4-5)
 - i. Doing all tasks as unto the Lord, in delight, not _____ – (Mary)
 - ii. **Reverencing** her husband, proving love for Christ (Eph. 5:33)
- B. The godly role model of John (I Peter 3:7); love with shoes on, as the beloved disciple!
1. Growing in knowledge...a _____ (7a)
 2. Giving honor as helpmate, partner...(7b)
 3. Understanding the weaker vessel...(7c)
 - a. Reading between the lines...
 - b. _____ insight, discernment (Phil. 1:9-11)
 4. Leading the home as pacesetter (Eph. 6:1-4)
 - a. Setting the tone spiritually
 - b. Maintaining the order of husband-wife relationship as #1
 - i. Knowing Satan’s #1 goal is to defile the husband-wife priority
 - ii. Knowing his #2 goal is to create apathy in the husband; neutralizing his God-given mandate to lead in **love** (Eph. 5:28)

II. INSTRUCTION : GOD’S BIBLICAL BLUEPRINT FOR HARMONY IN THE HOME (PS. 127)

- A. Context: song of degrees...key song, memorized by all, of pilgrimages to Jerusalem
1. The Hebrew family unity was everything to the Jew (Deut. 6)
 2. They fully understood God blesses _____ homes, relationships (126:2-3)
- B. Content...How God builds the family-life of a Biblically loving home...(126:6; 127)
1. Except...(v1)
 - a. The plan is simply clear...LORD written it all out for us; God loves His family as His dearly beloved children (Phil. 4:1); cf. Eph. 4-6; Proverbs
 - b. _____ plans are all in vain...frustrating, chasing after the wind (Eccles.)



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- c. God as Holy Watchman promises to protect His own family (Ps. 34)
 - i. Starts with _____ husband-wife relationship as #1
 - ii. Grows in the graces of God through diligent disciplines of discipleship (Ps. 119:11; Josh. 1:8-9; Jas. 5:16)
 - iii. Preparing the adults to be Jesus with skin on to children
 - a) I Cor. 11:1
 - b) I Jn. 4:17
 - iv. As God knows how Satan plans to destroy the Christian home
2. The vanity of busyness...a key weapon of Satan's (v2)
 - a. Money, money, money...(Eccles.; Mt. 6:24)
 - b. To buy the bread of sorrows (I Tim. 6:10)
 - c. The cursed home where Adam _____ to lead his wife (Gen. 3:17)
 - d. BUT God has a solution...relax!
 - i. Beloved saints do sleep well at night
 - ii. Mt. 6:33; 11:28-30
 - iii. Trusting their God who cannot lie (Heb. 6:18)
3. Lo...don't miss this blessing (v3)
 - a. Children are a precious _____ from God (Mt. 18)
 - b. Blessings to be passed generationally!
 - c. Rich rewards of joy
 - i. Are you training your children to walk daily in the truth
 - ii. Making them obey immediately?
 - iii. Memorizing Scripture?
 - iv. Protecting their moral innocence?
 - d. APPLICATION...
 - i. If _____ are secure in Christ so will your children be so...
 - ii. BUT if your happiness is child-centered...(Proverbs 22:6)
 - a) You'll manipulate children for selfish ends...
 - b) You'll create a monster who will tear your heart out
4. Arrows to be shaped at young ages (v4)...for parenting, discipleship!
 - a. Reminder there's a _____ on for our child...
 - b. God promises to bless the upright generation (112:2)...cf. Joshua
 - c. Shaping arrows for God ...
 - i. _____ are not arrows by nature (Ro. 3:23)
 - ii. Arrows travel as shaped, aimed (Lk. 6:40; Prov. 13:20; 16:3)



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- iii. Respectful, thankful arrows hit the bulls eye (Ezra 7:10)
 - a) Eph. 6:1-4
 - b) Don't provoke to wrath by negligence
 - c) Discipline guarantees holy hope (Prov. 19:18)
 - d) Fear of God breeds fear of _____ (Prov. 9:10)
 - e) Repentant hearts are teachable hearts (2 Cor. 7:10)
 - iv. Remember God blesses obedience, Satan blesses disobedience
 - a) Make obedience attractive
 - b) Make disobedience painful (Prov. 13:24)
5. Happy is the home that is Christ-centered (v5)
- a. Prov. 29:17-18
 - b. 3 Jn. 4...not ashamed...feeding off each others contagious joy and love

III. INSIGHT: "OUR FAMILY COVENANT" (DEUT. 6:4-9)...an example...

- A. We commit ourselves to guard our hearts daily (Prov. 4:23; Ps. 119:11; Josh. 1:8-9)
- B. We commit to submit willingly to God's absolute truths of life (Ps. 91:1; Prov. 14:6)
- C. We commit to healthy friendships to help us grow in grace (Prov. 13:20; I Cor. 15:33)
- D. We commit to safeguard harmony through the Spirit of mercy and truth (I Jn. 1:7; Ps. 85:10)
- E. We commit to guard our hearts with loving integrity (Prov. 4:23; 13:3; Eph. 4:29; Phil. 2:14)
- F. We commit to serve the Lord and one another faithfully (Mt. 25:21; Prov. 30:15)
- G. We commit to not let the sun go down on our wrath (Eph. 4:26; Ro. 12:21))
 - 1. Giving Satan no room to operate in our relationships of love (Mt. 4; Lk. 22:31-32)
 - 2. Keeping short accounts of loving accountability (Prov. 26:20; 27:6)
 - 3. Knowing healthy conflict resolution exalts Christ and His holy cross (Gal. 6:14)