

Psalm 127:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

Analysis

Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD (הִנֵּה נִצְלָת יְהָוָה בָּנִים), hinneh nachalat YHWH banim). **And the fruit of the womb is his reward.** Children are nachalah (inheritance)—they belong to God, entrusted to parents. They're sakar (reward)—not burden but blessing. This challenges cultures viewing children as economic liability.

Historical Context

Ancient Israelite economy required large families. But beyond economics, children were covenant blessing (Genesis 15:5). Barrenness provoked deep distress (Hannah, Elizabeth, Rachel).

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does viewing children as God's heritage transform parenting?
2. How does contemporary culture reject children as blessing?

3. How can those without biological children steward the "children" God entrusts?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 28:4 (Parallel theme): Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

1 Samuel 1:27 (References Lord): For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him:

Genesis 33:5 (Parallel theme): And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who are those with thee? And he said, The children which God hath graciously given thy servant.

Isaiah 8:18 (References Lord): Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

Genesis 48:4 (Parallel theme): And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession.

Genesis 1:28 (Parallel theme): And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Genesis 24:60 (Parallel theme): And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.

1 Chronicles 28:5 (References Lord): And of all my sons, (for the LORD hath given me many sons,) he hath chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel.

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