

# Psalm 127:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

## Analysis

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**Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them. They shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.** A full quiver means many children. The blessing isn't just private joy but public strength—they won't be shamed when confronting enemies in the gate (law courts). Many sons meant advocates, defenders. This challenges small-family preferences.

## Historical Context

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City gates were where legal cases were heard (Genesis 23:10, Ruth 4). A man with many sons had representatives to defend family interests, providing social capital and security.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

1. How does this challenge view that large families are irresponsible?
2. What would "full quiver" mean for those called to spiritual parenting?
3. How does family strength in public square connect to church's cultural engagement?

## Interlinear Text

אֲשֶׁר	בְּגַבְּרָה	מֵלָאת	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר
<b>Happy</b>	<b>is the man</b>	H834	<b>full</b>	H853	<b>that hath his quiver</b>	H1992		H3808
H835	H1397		H4390		H827			
אֲוִיכָם	אֲתָה	אֲתָה	אֲוִיכָם	אֲתָה	אֲוִיכָם	אֲתָה	אֲוִיכָם	אֲוִיכָם
יבָּשָׂא	יְדַבֵּר	יְדַבֵּר	שָׂא	יְדַבֵּר	שָׂא	יְדַבֵּר	שָׂא	יְדַבֵּר
<b>of them they shall not be ashamed</b>	H3588	<b>but they shall speak</b>	H1696		<b>with the enemies</b>	H854		H341
H954			H1696			H854		H341
<b>בְּשַׁעַר:</b>								
<b>in the gate</b>								
H8179								

## Additional Cross-References

**Proverbs 27:11** (Parallel theme): My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth me.

**Job 5:4** (Parallel theme): His children are far from safety, and they are crushed in the gate, neither is there any to deliver them.

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