



A Heritage from the Lord

Psalm 127

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“The fascination of children lies in this: that with each of them all things are remade, and the universe is put again upon its trial. As we walk the streets and see below us those delightful bulbous heads, three times too big for the body, which mark these human mushrooms, we ought always primarily to remember that within every one of these heads there is a new universe... a new system of stars, new grass, new cities, a new sea.”

G.K. Chesterton

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“What was unusual both with [them] was the fact that they never allowed their disappointment in the matter of children to make them sour or jealous of others who had the joy that they had not. All through their lives they played with other people’s children; they chose on a train a compartment full of children; they planned amusements, they gave presents to the children of their friends.”

Maisie Ward

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It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives to his beloved sleep.”**

Children as a Heritage from God (v.3)

**“Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward.”**

Application #1: Perspective

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Application #3: Foster and Adoption

**“But when the fullness of time had come,
God sent forth his Son, born of woman,
born under the law, to redeem those who
were under the law, so that we might
receive adoption as sons.”**

Galatians 4:4-5 ESV

Children as Protection for their Parents

(vv.4-5)

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“The fear and rejection of parenthood, the tendency to view the family as nothing more than companionable marriage, and the understanding of marriage as one of a series of nonbinding commitments, are but indications that our society has a growing distrust of our ability to deal with the future.”

Stanley Hauerwas

“For Christians do not place their hope in their children, but rather their children are a sign of their hope . . . that God has not abandoned this world.”

Stanley Hauerwas