

\*Lessons we’ve learned from God’s Word on who determines truth.

\*Isaiah 33:22 For the LORD *is* our Judge, The LORD *is* our Lawgiver, The LORD *is* our King; He will save us.

Ben Franklin on July 2, 1776, said; “If a sparrow cannot fall to the grown without God noticing, is it possible for an Empire to rise and be great without his aid.

\*What is in vain (useless) and how is gain obtained?

*\*Psalm 127:1 (NKJV) Unless the LORD builds the house,*

*They labor in vain who build it;*

*Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.*

*2 It is vain for you to rise up early, To sit up late, To eat the bread of sorrows; For so He gives His beloved sleep.*

1. \*V:1  **How does the Lord build a house?**

**He starts by being the foundation** and the key cornerstone of each home and family. The foundation must be good or else it’s a vain/worthless effort.

1. **\*How is the Lord the protector of our cities?**

**\*Psalm 18:2** The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;

My God, my strength, in whom I will trust;

My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

**As we return to 2 Thessalonians 3:3** next week there is a special promise of protection from the evil one.

1. V:2 **God gives rest to those who surrender life to him.**

**He leads me** beside the still waters.

\*Every Christian must see children the way God does.

*\*Psalm 127:3 Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,*

*The fruit of the womb is a reward.*

*4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,*

*So are the children of one’s youth.*

1. V:3 (Behold)**Bear this Witness,** to this world that children are a heritage (gift) from the Lord.
2. **Children are the legacy** of their parent's relationship with God. Our children have the potential to mark this world with the goodness and faithfulness of God’s plan.
3. **We don’t destroy the fruit.** The womb bearing a child is a reward. Every child is a symbol of a blessing, but not every child will become a blessing.

**We must train up** a child in the way they should go. (Proverbs 22:6)

1. **The deceiver lies to society about** why children are here and what they will bring to your life.
2. V:4 **An analogy** about children and arrows.
3. **Children like arrows** will hit the target the parents aim them at.

**Children will also hit the target** that society aims them at unless the truth is reinforced in their lives.

1. **Children like arrows** will fly or remain in the quiver depending on the parent's attitudes toward God and their children being a gift.

**Overprotection of children** happens when you do not place them in the hands of Jesus.

**\*Sold-out Christians must learn** to trust the movement of the Holy Spirit and Prophecy, and they must test everything. (2 Thessalonians 5:19-22)

**They lift up good** and abstain from all evil.

\*The pursuit of happiness, liberty, and justice for all.

*\*Psalm 127:5 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them;*

*They shall not be ashamed,*

*But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.*

1. V:5  **Happiness** is found in influencing the next generation to God**.**

**Happiness is** not self-centered. It is in influencing others to the kingdom of God.

1. **No shame** is given to the one who protects life.

**There is no liberty or justice** for those who don’t protect life. This is part of the deceiver’s lie too.

1. **We must speak** to the enemies that are at the gate and not let them rule the city or question the meaning of life.

**Liberty** will be lost by letting the enemies of God rule in our land.

**Justice** is lost when a generation that doesn’t honor God is in charge.

I believe in a land where freedom reigns. I believe the U.S.A. has been that land. It’s time to reclaim the promises of God and set the record straight.