

## SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) The Lord Jesus holds the keys to a fruitful, productive, Christ-filled, and lasting home.
- b) Psalm 127
- c) Homes are under attack.
  - i) There are those who say that homes, as we once knew them, are obsolete.
- d) The home is not a happenstance.
  - i) It did not evolve from the swamps of evolution and immorality.
- e) The home was the first institution built by Almighty God.
  - i) Matthew 19:6
  - ii) The home is divine in establishment.
    - (1) It was established by the Creator for the protection and development of a person's deepest needs physically, psychologically, emotionally, and spiritually.
- f) The home and the marriage relationship are supreme of all human relationships.
  - i) Your relationship to your mate should come before your business.
  - ii) Your relationship to your mate should come before your pleasure.
  - iii) Your relationship to your mate should come before your friends.
  - iv) It is to be unconditional in commitment.
  - v) The Bible teaches that when one man and one woman come together at the marriage altar and consummate the marriage act, they become one flesh that is not to be put asunder.
    - (1) Genesis 2:24
    - (2) Matthew 19:6
    - (3) It is a lifetime contract.
- g) Psalm 127 shares four glorious things about the home that we will study in today's message.

2) THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOME

- a) Psalm 127:1
- b) A home must be built.
  - i) The Bible says that the home cannot and will not be built by human ingenuity, wit, or wisdom.
    - (1) Psalm 127:1
      - (a) "Except the Lord build the house."
  - ii) There are a lot of people who think that they know exactly how to build a home.
    - (1) Some have ideas that they have gotten from themselves and not from the Word of God.
    - (2) Our wit, wisdom, and ingenuity will not be able to help us build a happy, fruitful, and prosperous Christian home.
      - (a) We need a divine plan.
- c) We need a blueprint and a builder to build our home.

- i) That builder and that plan is Christ and His Word, the Bible.
    - (1) Psalm 127:1
  - ii) People are looking for a marriage manual.
    - (1) It is the Word of God.
    - (2) Don't try to make it work if you do not endeavor to build upon what God says.
      - (a) We can break all of the laws in the Bible but one, and we will never break that one.
        - (i) It is the law of sowing and reaping.
          - 1. Galatians 6:7
  - d) Jesus is the greatest home builder.
    - i) He built the first home in the Garden of Eden.
    - ii) The Lord Jesus Christ is now building our Heavenly home.
      - (1) John 14:2
    - iii) He built the church home.
      - (1) Matthew 16:18
    - iv) Jesus Christ alone can properly build the family home.
  - e) The devil is the greatest home wrecker.
    - i) The devil knows that if he can hurt us at home, then he has really hurt us.
  - f) We need Christ, the great home builder.
- 3) THE CONSERVATION OF THE HOME
- a) Psalm 127:1
    - i) A city is a collection of homes.
    - ii) The one who builds the home is the one who must conserve and keep the home.
  - b) Homes today are under attack as never before.
    - i) The chief thing that attacks the home today is the so-called playboy philosophy with free love, which is not free.
      - (1) If it is free, then it is not love.
      - (2) Love is never free.
        - (a) Love costs and is worth everything one pays for it, but it is the costliest thing around.
        - (b) Love takes commitment.
      - (3) We have a generation that knows very little about love at all.
    - ii) The matter of immorality is one of the chief enemies of the home.
      - (1) Exodus 20:14
      - (2) 1 Corinthians 6:18
      - (3) There is no sin that will do a person more damage than the sins of adultery, fornication, or sexual perversion.
        - (a) 1 Corinthians 6:18
        - (b) They harden the heart against God.
        - (c) They kill our sensitivity to true love.
        - (d) They warp our perception as nothing else can do.

- (4) Immorality has been the downfall of ancient Rome, Greece, Egypt, Babylon, and it may be the sin that destroys America.
- (5) People who treat sex lightly always treat other people lightly.
- iii) Not only does the devil use the force of immorality, but he also uses alcohol to attack the home.
  - (1) Alcohol is one of the worst drugs in America.
    - (a) Alcohol is viewed as an acceptable drug, but it is a drug that actually poisons a person.
    - (b) A person who is intoxicated has been poisoned.
  - (2) It poisons the home.
    - (a) It is the home that suffers the most.
- iv) Selfishness is an enemy to the home.
  - (1) There are grown adults who act like spoiled children.
    - (a) They are seeking happiness rather than seeking to give it.
- v) Stress is an enemy to the home.
  - (1) Teenagers watch hours of violence on television.
  - (2) Many families move each year.
    - (a) We are a rootless society.
  - (3) Mothers and fathers are both working, and children are latch-key kids.
    - (a) The home has become little more than a restaurant and a garage.
- c) How is the home going to be protected?
  - i) Psalm 127:1
    - (1) We do not have enough ingenuity to build a Christian home.
    - (2) We do not have enough strength to protect it once it is built.

#### 4) THE CONTENTMENT OF THE HOME

- a) Psalm 127:2
  - i) This passage is talking about the thing that causes many homes to unravel.
    - (1) It is the matter of discontentment.
  - ii) This is a verse against materialism.
    - (1) It is talking about burning the candle at both ends in order to have more.
    - (2) When people get more, they do not enjoy what they have.
      - (a) It is called here, "the bread of sorrows."
      - (b) What good are all of these things if we don't enjoy them?
- b) God wants us to enjoy life.
  - i) 1 Timothy 6:6
- c) What is wrong with many families today is that they have succumbed to the myth of "They lived happily ever after."
  - i) No one is supposed to live happily ever after.
    - (1) No one is supposed to be happy all the time.
  - ii) Many times, we have the idea that if we can just find Mr. Right or Miss Right and get married, then we will be happy.

- (1) We think that this other person is supposed to make us happy.
  - d) Everyone has three basic needs:
    - i) Security
    - ii) Significance
    - iii) Sufficiency
      - (1) Many times, people get married expecting the other person to meet those needs.
      - (2) These needs are something that no man or woman can give someone else.
      - (3) If we do not find these things in Jesus, then we will not find them.
        - (a) We are looking in the wrong place.
  - e) Sometimes we demand of our mate things that only God can give.
    - i) When our mate doesn't supply those things, then we think it is time for a divorce.
    - ii) People try to get out of marriage some kind of satisfaction that God never intended.
      - (1) This does not mean that marriage does not meet needs, but there are the deepest needs that only God can meet.
  - f) We are not going to have real contentment unless we find that contentment in Jesus.
    - i) Psalm 127:2
  - g) Only Jesus can meet the deepest psychological, emotional, and physical needs that we have.
    - i) Jesus will meet those needs.
  - h) 1 Timothy 6:6
    - i) How sweet it is to lie down at night, whether in a tent or in a palace, and know that Jesus Christ is there with us.
- 5) THE CHILDREN OF THE HOME
- a) Psalm 127:3-5
  - b) The desirability of children.
    - i) Psalm 127:3
    - ii) Children are not a penalty or a burden.
    - iii) Children are meant to be a blessing.
      - (1) They are a blessing from God.
    - iv) Children are the heritage of the Lord.
    - v) Children do not make a rich person poor; they make a poor person rich.
      - (1) A rich person cannot take his money to Heaven.
      - (2) If a person's children are saved, then they will go to Heaven with him.
    - vi) They are a gift from God.
    - vii) Psalm 127:5
  - c) The directability of children.
    - i) Psalm 127:4
      - (1) An arrow can be pointed to shoot in whatever direction we choose.

- (a) Arrows can be polished, pointed, and propelled.
- (2) After the arrow leaves the bow, we are not going to direct it very much.
  - (a) It is while they are in our hands.
    - (i) That is when we can point them and propel them.
  - ii) It is a tragedy when parents work, not to put food on the table, but just to have a bigger house or a swimming pool instead of spending time with and raising their children.
  - iii) Children need parents who love one another and who love God to properly point them in the right direction.
  - iv) Proverbs 19:18
  - v) There is a great responsibility that comes with that directability.
- d) The dependability of children.
  - i) Psalm 127:5
    - (1) This passage means that neither the parents nor the children will be ashamed.
      - (a) When children are sent out from a home where there is contentment, protection, divine principles and policies, a mom and dad who love one another and love God, then those children will not be put to shame when they meet ungodly philosophies.
        - (i) They know who they are.
        - (ii) They have something that has been built into them by mom and dad in the university of life called the home.
      - (2) Notice the words “enemy” and “arrow” in this passage.
        - (a) An arrow is used to shoot at the enemy.
          - (i) God gives children to shoot at the enemy.
        - (b) The biggest thing a person will ever do is to shoot an arrow at the enemy.
          - (i) Parents need to raise their children for Jesus Christ.
    - ii) An arrow can go where the warrior cannot go.
      - (1) Children can minister and go where their parents cannot go.
    - iii) The greatest thing that we could do for the Lord Jesus is to raise a missionary, preacher, physician, lawyer, businessman, or another homemaker for Jesus.
    - iv) Psalm 127:4-5

## 6) CONCLUSION

- a) The construction of the home:
  - i) “Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.”
  - ii) Psalm 127:1
- b) The conservation of the home:
  - i) “Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.”
  - ii) Psalm 127:1
- c) The contentment of the home:

- i) "He gives his beloved sleep."
- ii) Psalm 127:2
- d) The children of the home:
  - i) "The heritage, the blessing of the Lord, like arrows in the hand of a mighty man."
  - ii) Psalm 127:3-4
- e) God intends for you to have three homes:
  - i) A Heavenly home.
  - ii) A church home.
  - iii) A family home.
- f) Jesus Christ is the key to all three homes.
  - i) John 14:6
  - ii) Matthew 16:18
    - (1) The church is built upon His Lordship.
  - iii) Jesus Christ is the key to the family home.
    - (1) You cannot do it without Him.
    - (2) Psalm 127:1
  - iv) Would you turn over to Him now the keys that you have been trying to hold?
- g) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- h) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
  - i) Romans 3:23
  - ii) Romans 10:9-10
  - iii) Romans 10:13
  - iv) Acts 16:31
  - v) John 3:16