

"It is vain for you to rise up early, to retire late, to eat the bread of painful labors; for He gives to His beloved even in his sleep." vs. 2

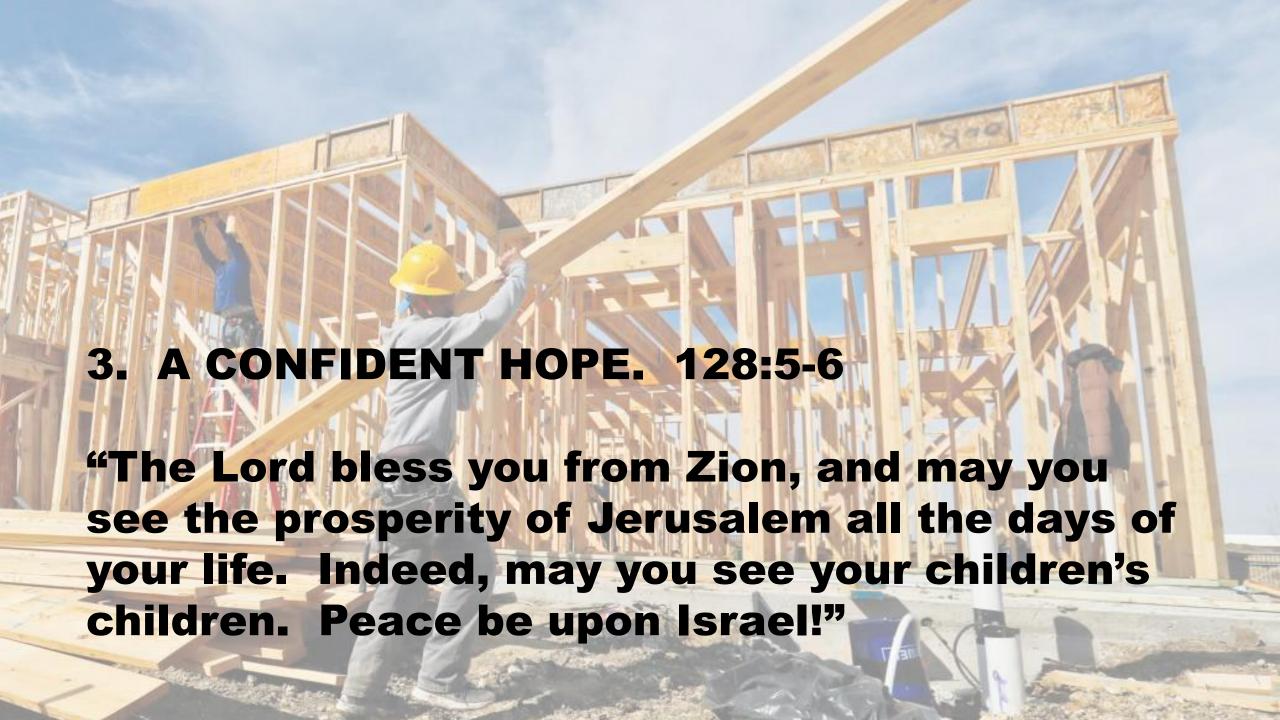
## 3. ASSURANCE OF BEING *CHERISHED*. 127:3-5; 128:1-4

"Behold, children are a gift of the Lord; the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them; they shall not be ashamed, when they speak with their enemies in the gate." 127:3-5

"The Lord made an agreement with Jacob. He gave the teachings to Israel. And he commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children. Then their children would know them, even their children not yet born. And they would tell their children. So they would all trust God. They would not forget what God had done. Instead, they would obey his commands. They would not be like their ancestors who were stubborn and disobedient. Their hearts were not loyal to God. They were not true to him." Ps. 78:5-8 (ICB)

"How blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways. When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, you will be happy and it will be well with you. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine, within your house, your children like olive plants around your table. Behold, for thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord." 128:1-4

"For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. Just as a Father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust." Ps. 103:11-14



"And you shall remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not." Deut. 8:2

"Consider it all joy brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance has its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."

James 1:2-4

"And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and the Lord increased all that Job had twofold." Job 42:10

"And after this Job lived 140 years, and saw his sons and his grandsons, four generations. And Job died, an old man and full of days." vs. 16-17

## APPLICATION FOR ME:

