

### Why do we tend to divorce obedience and blessing?

1. Cultural reason - "Obedience is a \_\_\_\_\_, not a \_\_\_\_\_."
2. Theological reason - "Obedience leads to \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_."

### Psalm 128 -

"Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways!" (1)

"fear the LORD" =

#### 1. A picture of blessing (2-4) -

- the blessing of \_\_\_\_\_ -  
"You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;" (2a)
- the blessing of a \_\_\_\_\_ -  
"Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;" (3a)  
vine =
- the blessing of \_\_\_\_\_ -  
"your children will be like olive shoots around your table." (3b)  
olive tree -  
"Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD." (4)

#### 2. A prayer of blessing (5-6) -

"The LORD bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!  
May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!"

### How should Christians pray this?

- Pray \_\_\_\_\_ -
  - ☐ Pray in light of the \_\_\_\_\_ -
    - \_\_\_\_\_ - Eden (Genesis 2:15)
    - \_\_\_\_\_ - Israel (1 Chronicles 6:48)
  - ☐ Pray in light of the \_\_\_\_\_ -
    - Christologically - Jesus (Ephesians 2:14)
    - \_\_\_\_\_ - National Israel (1 Timothy 2:2-4)
  - ☐ Pray in light of the \_\_\_\_\_ -
    - \_\_\_\_\_ - Israel's restoration (Romans 11:26)
    - \_\_\_\_\_ - eternal blessing (Revelation 21:1-5)
- Pray \_\_\_\_\_ -