

## **Divine Romance - Spiritual Warfare**

### **Week 5 – Monday**

Psa. 127:3-5 – Footnote 3<sup>1</sup>

We are covering the matter of spiritual warfare together with the matter of the divine romance. In this message we are turning our attention to the matter of the second generation, our children. However, it is good for us to see that our raising our next generation for the Lord is actually a focal point of the spiritual battle. Psalm 127, verse 3 says, “Behold, children are the heritage of Jehovah, The fruit of the womb a reward.” This means that all our children are from the Lord and all our children belong to the Lord. They are only given to us for a time for us to keep custody for Him. That is why we should do our best to raise our children for Him. He gives them to us; we give them back to Him. But the next verse says, “Like arrows in the hand of a mighty man, So are the children of one’s youth.” Every child is like an arrow. If you are talking about arrows, the setting must be some kind of battle. No wonder our children are a focus of the attack of the enemy. In general in any age the enemy does a particular work to try to gain the youth of that generation. It has always been like this, but it seems that it is intensified now. It was like this when we were young but today the battle is more fierce. We sang hymn 893 which says, “Conflict today is fierce.” Another line says, “ ‘Tis harder at the end the Lord to testify.” It seems that as we approach the consummation of this age it is getting harder. For our children and young people especially it is harder and harder to be a testimony for the Lord in this age. But each of our children is like an arrow in the hand of a mighty man.

“Blessed is the man Who fills his quiver with them” (v. 5). A quiver is a container for the arrows; we should have a quiver full of arrows. Sorry, I only have 3 arrows. I met a brother last night who said he had 11 arrows. When I asked how many grandchildren, he had to think, “Is it 43 or 44?” Imagine if each one grows up for the Lord, what a defeat that would be to the enemy. So the enemy will try to attack our children. We expect that our children and grandchildren who are here with us will be the ones to consummate this age, to see the Lord return. I believe that the children who are with us today will see the Lord return. So when you are serving them in the nursery or have them at home, I hope that you see them as little arrows that intimidate the enemy. “Blessed is the man Who fills his quiver with them. He will not be put to shame When he speaks with enemies in the gate.” Our children are part of the spiritual warfare.