

# The man is blest who fears the Lord

New Version

Psalms 128 verses 1-5

Anon. from the Weardale manuscript  
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*♩ = 72*

**Soprano**

1. The man is blest who fears the Lord,  
 2. *He shall up - on the sweet re - turns*  
 3. His wife, like a fair fer - tile vine,  
 4. *Who fears the Lord shall pros - per thus;*

**Alto**

nor on - ly wor - ship  
*of his own la - bour feed;*  
 her love - ly fruit shall bring;  
*him Zi - on's God shall bless,*

**Tenor [Air]**

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 2. *He shall up - on the sweet re - turns of his own la - bour*  
 3. His wife, like a fair fer - tile vine, her love - ly fruit shall  
 4. *Who fears the Lord shall pros - per thus; him Zi - on's God shall*

**Bass**

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 3. His wife, like a fair fer - tile vine,  
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**S**

nor on - ly wor - ship pays, nor on - ly wor - ship pays,  
*of his own la - bour feed, of his own la - bour feed;*  
 her love - ly fruit shall bring, her love - ly fruit shall bring;  
*him Zi - on's God shall bless, him Zi - on's God shall bless,*

**A**

wor - ship pays, nor on - ly wor - ship pays,  
*la - bour feed, of his own la - bour feed;*  
 fruit shall bring, her love - ly fruit shall bring;  
*God shall bless, him Zi - on's God shall bless,*

**T**

pays, nor on - ly wor - ship pays,  
*feed, of his own la - bour feed;*  
 bring, her love - ly fruit shall bring;  
*bless, him Zi - on's God shall bless,*

**B**

nor on - ly wor - ship pays, nor on - ly wor - ship pays,  
*of his own la - bour feed, of his own la - bour feed;*  
 her love - ly fruit shall bring, her love - ly fruit shall bring;  
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Editorial notes:

Circled numbers correspond with lines of text

Unconventional part writing and harmony sic

## The man is blest who fears the Lord

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S  
 But keeps his steps con - fined with care  
*With - out de - pen - dence live, and see*  
 His chil-dren, like young o - live plants,  
*and grant him all his days to see*

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*his wish - es all suc -*  
 a - bout his ta - ble spring,  
*Je - ru - sa - lem's suc -*

to his ap - poin - ted ways. to  
*his wish - es all suc - ceed, his*  
 a - bout his ta - ble spring, a - bout his ta - ble spring,  
*Je - ru - sa - lem's suc - cess, Je - ru - sa - lem's suc - cess,*

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S  
 to his ap - poin - ted ways, to his ap - poin - ted ways.  
*his wish - es all suc - ceed, his wish - es all suc - ceed.*  
 a - bout his ta - ble spring, a - bout his ta - ble spring.  
*Je - ru - sa - lem's suc - cess, Je - ru - sa - lem's suc - cess.*

A  
 his ap - poin - ted ways, to his ap - poin - ted ways.  
*wish - es all suc - ceed, his wish - es all suc - ceed.*  
 bout his ta - ble spring, a - bout his ta - ble spring.  
*ru - sa - lem's suc - cess, Je - ru - sa - lem's suc - cess.*

T  
 ways. to his ap - poin - ted ways, to his ap - poin - ted ways.  
*ceed, his wish - es all suc - ceed, his wish - es all suc - ceed.*  
 spring, a - bout his ta - ble spring, a - bout his ta - ble spring.  
*cess, Je - ru - sa - lem's suc - cess, Je - ru - sa - lem's suc - cess.*

B  
 his ap - poin - ted ways, to his ap - poin - ted ways.  
*wish - es all suc - ceed, his wish - es all suc - ceed.*  
 bout his ta - ble spring, a - bout his ta - ble spring.  
*ru - sa - lem's suc - cess, Je - ru - sa - lem's suc - cess.*

5. He shall live on, till heirs from him  
 descend with vast increase;  
 Much blessed in his own prosp'rous state,  
 and more in Israel's peace.