

The man is blest who fears the Lord

New Version

Psalm 128 verses 1-5

Anon. from the Weardale manuscript
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Soprano [Air]

1. The man is blest who fears the Lord, nor on - ly wor - ship
 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*

Alto

nor on - ly
of his own
 her love - ly
him Zi - on's

Tenor

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Bass

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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,

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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,

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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,

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Editorial notes:
 Circled numbers correspond with lines of text
 Unconventional part writing and harmony sic

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 But keeps his steps con - fined with care to his ap - poin - ted
With - out de - pen - dence live, and see his wish - es all suc -
 His chil - dren, like young o - live plants, a - bout his ta - ble
and grant him all his days to see Je - ru - sa - lem's suc -

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and grant him all his days to see Je - ru - sa - lem's suc - cess, Je -

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 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.

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Je - ru - sa - lem's suc - cess, Je - ru - sa - lem's suc - cess.

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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.