

**Not just the reward of children but
“Arrows in the hand of a warrior”**

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Transition to a higher realm

*Unless the Lord builds the house we labour in vain
who built it ...*

Children/sons are a reward from the Lord...

Children are like arrows in the hands of a warrior

Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.

*They will not be put to shame when they contend
with their enemies in the Gate*

Psalm 127

2

How God builds the house

1. “Children to arrows”
2. “Advancement at the gates as we shoot
forth arrows”
3. “Arrows become warriors”
4. “Fathers are warriors”

Shift in Southern Lights

3

Rouse – Awaken!

- Rouse the scattered – children
- Rouse the Warriors – become arrows
- Rouse the Nations – shot out arrows and they become warriors

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David's training to become an arrow

Shepherd	Lion and Bear	No choice
Harpist	King's court	Call
Serving	Goliath	Prophetic
House	Father/brother	No choice

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Fighting in the house due to warriors rising

“Saul slays his 1,000's and David his 10,000's” v7

Saul was angry at this refrain v8

Kept a jealous eye on him v9

Afraid of his success v15

Remained David's enemy his whole life v29

- Saul threw spears at David and Jonathan

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David's shot out as an arrow - Warrior

Small army	Caves	No choice
Attack	Philistines	No choice
Stronghold	Zion	Call
House	Absalom	No choice

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Arrows to advance the Kingdom

- **God makes his arrows into fiery shafts**

*¹³ He has prepared his deadly weapons;
he makes ready his flaming arrows.*
Psalm 7:13

*¹⁴ He shot his arrows and scattered the enemies,
great bolts of lightning and routed them.*
Psalm 18:14

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Arrows aimed within the house halt the Kingdom

*⁴ I am in the midst of lions; I lie among ravenous
beasts— men whose teeth are spears and arrows,
whose tongues are sharp swords.*
Psalm 57:4

*³ They sharpen their tongues like swords
and aim their words like deadly arrows.*
Psalm 64:3

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Child to an arrow

17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. 18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

Romans 8:17,18

Spirit → Social → Servant → Suffer → Sent

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Jesus the arrow shot out

- **The Holy Spirit lead him to his first fight**
1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

Luke 4:1-2a NIV

Result –
“The devil left him”

Luke 4:13

... Jesus the warrior

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Child, warrior, father

12 I write to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name. 13 I write to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, dear children, because you have known the Father. 14 I write to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

1 John 2:12-14 NIV

A Warrior can use the sword to destroy the devil

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Arrows and Warriors pull down strongholds

³ For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵ We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. ⁶ And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.

2 Corinthians 10:3-6

Your life, family, church, workplace, city, nation(s)

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A warrior deals with strongholds

⁵ said to David, “You will not get in here.” Nevertheless, David captured the stronghold of Zion, the City of David.

1 Chronicles 11:5

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God makes us into warriors

- **Job**

¹⁰ But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.

Job 23:10

Tested into becoming a warrior/arrow

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Gold coming forth

- **Job**

¹²“I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily bread”

Job 23:12

I obey the proceeding word

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Strongholds - Communion

- **Why don't you ask for help?**
- **Why don't you share your heart?**
- **Why don't you humble yourself?**
- **Why do you always react?**
- **Why can't you say sorry?**
- **Why do you promise to change but can't?**

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