

Sermon Notes for February 19, 2006

**Morning: "Bringing Up Children To Worship"**

Ephesians 6:1-4; Deuteronomy 6:1-10

(Spirituality: The Healthy Christian Life)

**Introduction:**

*"Except **the Lord** build **the house**, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman wakes but in vain." Psalm 127:1 (551)*

*"Awake you who sleep!" Ephesians 5:14*

*"Redeeming the time because the days are evil." Ephesians 5:16*

*"Doing the will of God from the heart." Ephesians 6:9*

*"Believe on the Lord Jesus and thou shalt be saved and **thy house**." Acts 16:31 (984)*

*The Church and the family are forever linked by God. Strong families make strong Churches and ultimately form a solid culture and nation. A Church is a family. The principles of building a Christian home and building a Church family are identical in the Bible.*

- I. *The **Foundation** to the home is the Word of God and the Spirit of God— "The will of the Lord . . . be filled with the Spirit." Ephesians 5:17-18*
- II. *The **Transformation** of family members is required to build a Christian home— "Wives, submit . . . Husbands, love as Christ loved . . . Children, obey your parents." Ephesians 5:22, 25, 6:1*
- III. *An **Orientation** of discipleship of ministry roles gives strength to the home— "Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the Church; and He is the Saviour of the body." Ephesians 5:22-23 "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the Church." Ephesians 5:25-27*
- IV. *An **Identification** with Christ is necessary to the home – "This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the Church." Ephesians 5:32*
- V. ***Proclamation** to the next generation is the purpose of the house of God— "Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." Ephesians 6:2-3*

*"And you fathers, do not provoke (overcorrect, irritate, goad to resentment) your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training (nurture, pathways) and the admonition (training of the mind) of the Lord." Ephesians 6:1-4 NKJV*

*"Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6:1-4 NIV*

There are three foundations in Ephesians 6:4 for child rearing.

- **Tenderness** is needed for bringing up Christian children— "Do **not** provoke"
  - **Training** is needed for bringing up Christian children— "**Bring them up** in the nurture, (pathways)"
  - **Truth** is needed for bringing up Christian children— "And the **admonition** (encouragement of the mind in the Word) of the Lord"
- I. In the Bible Worship adorns the **Home**— Deuteronomy 6:1-3 "Fear the Lord your God, keep His commandments, **you**, your **son**, and your **grandson** all the days of your life, that your days may be prolonged." Deuteronomy 6:2
    - ❖ A Christ centered home is a parent's **Legacy** to a child.
  - II. In the Bible the Worship center is the believer's **Heart**— "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one! You shall **love** the Lord your God with **all your heart**, with all your soul and with all your strength." - Deuteronomy 6:45
    - ❖ A parent communicates to the child a **Love** for the Lord

III. In the Bible, Worship depends upon **Hearing** the Holy Scriptures—Deuteronomy 6:6-9 “And these words which I command you . . . **Teach** them **diligently** to your children. Talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, when you rise up.” Deuteronomy 6:6-7  
❖ A parent’s privilege is to bolster the **Learning** of the Word of God in a child.

IV. In the Bible, Worship ultimately leads our minds toward **Heaven**— Deuteronomy 6:10-13 “It shall be when the Lord brings you into the **land** which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob (and the Lord Jesus Christ) . . . A land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide.” Deuteronomy 6:10-11 John 14:1-3; Hebrews 11:10, 13-16; Revelation 21:1-3, 23  
❖ A parent points the child to the glorified Lord Jesus and a **Longing** to see Him!

*“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” John 14:1-3*

*“For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.” Hebrews 11:10*

*“These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for He hath prepared for them a city.” Hebrews 11:13-16*

*“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.” Revelation 21:1-3*

*“And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.” Revelation 21:23*



**Scene Three** – Two Brothers in a Worship Service – Genesis 4:3-8 – Acceptable Worship is by the Blood and in the Spirit; in Truth and in Spirit!

**Scene Four** – A Palace of Gold with a King on his knees – Psalm 51:16-19 – A broken spirit is a true spirit, and a true spirit can offer the sacrifice of Worship!

**Scene Five** – A Little Boy Who Knew the Lord – John 6:5-9 – Worship in spirit and in truth happens when our best is given to God! When we empty ourselves, He will fill us up!

When I survey the wondrous cross, On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all