

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 127:1-5

SERMON: Give Thanks for Our Children!

13 November 2016

INTRODUCTION: YOUNG LIFE, INFANT BAPTISM & THANKSGIVING (providential sermons)

I. OBSERVATIONS ON CHILDREN IN THE BIBLE

- A. IMAGE OF GOD** (Gen.1:26f(9:6); 2:18f,24; see Rom.1:23f; see Ps.51:5; 139:13f; see Ps.127:3f)
- B. FATHER & CHILDREN** (1Jn.3:1f; see Gen.1:26f; 3:24 & Heb.10:19f; see Rom.8:15f; 9:4; Gal.4:5; Eph.1:5)
- C. JOY INTO SORROW** (Gen.4:8; see Job 1:19; Mt.2:18(Jer.31:15); Mk.5:22; Lk.15:11f)
- D. SORROW INTO JOY** (Gen.4:25; see 11:30f; 25:21f; 29:31f; 1Sam.1,2; Lk.1:7f; see Ps.113:9; 128:1f; Jn.16:21)
- E. DISASTER RELIEVED** (Gen.22:1f; see Lk.15:11f)
- F. PROTECTION & PROVISION** (Ps.127:1f; see 1Tm.5:4; see Gen.3:15; 5:29; 12:3; Is.9:6; see Ps.144:12)
- G. JESUS AS A CHILD** (Lk.1:44,46f; 2:10; 28,38; 47; 52)
- H. JESUS WITH CHILDREN** (Mt.19:13-15; Mk.9:33f,36; see 15:22; Mk.5:22; Lk.7:11)

II. LESSONS FROM THESE OBSERVATIONS

- A. GIVE THANKS FOR OUR PRECIOUS CHILDREN** (Gen.1:26f; 9:6; see Eph.5:25f,29; 6:4)
- B. HUMBLE YOURSELF TO SERVE OUR CHILDREN** (Mk.9:30f,35-37)
- C. BE FRUITFUL & MULTIPLY** (Gen.1:28; 9:1f; see 1Cor.7:9,26)
- D. PRAY & THANK** (Gen.25:21; 4:1; vow & pay; 1Sam.1:11 & 27,28; 2:1f)
- E. COMMIT: BAPTISM** (Acts 2:38,39; 42; see 1Cor.11:1; 1Tm.4:12)
- F. INVEST: INSTRUCT & DISCIPLINE** (Prov.1:8, etc; Eph.6:4; Col.3:21; see Ps.78:1f; Mt.19:13f)
- G. FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION** (see 1Sam.1:25, etc. & Eph.1:5; Heb.2:13 w/Rom.8:15f; Gal.4:5)
- H. EVANGELISM & DISCIPLESHIP** (Rom.16:5; Gal.4:19 & 1Tm.1:18; 2Tm.2:1,2)
- I. TRUST GOD AS A CHILD ESPECIALLY FOR YOUR CHILDREN** (Mt.19:14; Ps.131:1f; see Gen.22:1f(Job 13:15); see Lk.15:11f; see Hos.11:1f,8)
- J. BE TRUSTWORTHY LIKE GOD FOR YOUR CHILDREN** (1Cor.11:1; 1Tm.4:12; Eph.4:25f; 5:22f; 6:4; Col.3:9,10; 18f,21; Jms.1:2)

Brethren, what shall we do? (see Acts 2:37f)