

2018 - Evangelism part 9 - 2018-03-25

Call to Worship: Psalm 103:1-5

Scripture Reading: Romans 6:8-23

Sermon: "Evangelism Part 9" Deuteronomy 6:1-25

Benediction: Psalm 103:15-18

INTRODUCTION

Review

What about evangelism of children, especially our own children?

TEXT

Deuteronomy 6:1-25

BODY

- I. Know God As He Really Is v. 4
- II. Love the Lord v.5
 - A. With all your heart
 - B. With all your soul
 - C. With all your strength
- III. Have the Commands of God in Your Heart v. 6
- IV. Teach the Commands of God to Your Children Diligently vv. 7-9
 - A. We have known the importance of this in the past
 1. Catechisms
 2. Gill: Care and diligence are to be used, and pains taken, to instruct children, as soon as they are capable, in the knowledge of God, and of his commandments
 3. Spurgeon: Christian parent, have you done this? "Thou shalt" not only teach them, but "teach them diligently unto thy children."
 4. Chantry: "You've got to know the Ten Commandments"
 - B. We also have forgotten this in the more recent past
 - C. We are blessed to have been reminded of it
 - D. Now we are reminded of it again
 - E. Let us do so with renewed commitment and vigor
- V. Beware Lest Your Forget the Lord v. 12
 - A. Enjoying luxury
- VI. Diligently Keep the Lord's Commandments vv. 17-18
- VII. When Your Children Ask About the Commandments, Evangelize Them! vv. 20-24
 - A. You have something to tell!

B. If you love me, keep my commandments

CONCLUSION

See how beautifully this system corresponds with the New Testament lessons we have learned. Compare this system to the things you have experienced in other settings. With joy and confidence, pursue this way of living, in the Lord's blessing.

JRY:

Is there evidence in the bible of anyone intentional seeking out of children for evangelism?

Is there evidence in the bible of providing entertainment to draw in children for evangelism?

Deuteronomy 6:2 that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.

Spurgeon:

Nay, it is not only for us to obey the command of the Lord our God, but we should pray till the rest of the verse also comes true: "thou, and thy son, and thy sows son," our children and our children's children. I am sure that, if we love God, we shall long that our children and our children's children may love him, too. If your trade has supported you, and brought you in a competence, you will naturally wish to bring your son up to it. But, on a far higher platform, if God has been a good God to you, your deepest desire will be that your son and your son's son should serve the same Divine Master through all the days of their life.

Deuteronomy 6:7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

Gill:

Care and diligence are to be used, and pains taken, to instruct children, as soon as they are capable, in the knowledge of God, and of his commandments; that they are to love him, fear him, serve, and worship him; this is to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, Eph_6:4

Spurgeon:

Neither are we to be content with keeping commands ourselves. It is the duty of parents to seek the good of their children — to seek that the son and the son's son should walk in the ways of God all their lives. May God grant us never to be partakers of the spirit of

those who think that they have no need to look after the religion of their children — who seem as if they left it to a blind fate. May we care for them with this care that our son and our son's son should walk before the Lord all the days of their life.

Christian parent, have you done this? “Thou shalt” not only teach them, but “teach them diligently unto thy children.”

Deuteronomy 6:20-21 "When your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is the meaning of the testimonies, the statutes, and the judgments which the LORD our God has commanded you?' (21) then you shall say to your son: 'We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand;

Spurgeon:

And cannot we tell our children what God has done for us — how he brought us out of our spiritual captivity, and how in his almighty love, he has brought us into his Church and will surely bring us into the glory above? May God grant us grace to speak about these things without diffidence, With great confidence to tell our children of what he has done.

Oh, friends, it will be well when our boys and girls ask us questions like this, and when we can give such answers!

JRY:

It is a very strange thing if a child does not heed the voice of his mother.

The bible does not talk about a mother's evangelism of her children in by that name. But the bible does talk about a mother in a way that we can look at together as part of that subject.

Deuteronomy 21:18-19 "If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not **obey the** voice of his father or the **voice of his mother**, and who, when they have **chastened him**, will not **heed** them, (19) then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city, to the gate of his city.

Proverbs 1:8-9 My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake **the law of your mother**; (9) For they will be a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck.

Proverbs 30:17 The eye that mocks his father, And scorns **obedience to his mother**, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it.

Proverbs 31:1 The words of King Lemuel, the **utterance which his mother taught** him:

Song of Solomon 8:2 I would lead you and bring you Into the house of **my mother, She who used to instruct me**. I would cause you to drink of spiced wine, Of the juice of my pomegranate.

Isaiah 66:12-13 For thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, And the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream. Then you shall feed; On her sides shall you be carried, And **be dandled on her knees. (13) As one whom his mother comforts**, So I will comfort you; And you shall be comforted in Jerusalem."

1 Thessalonians 2:7 But we were **gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children**.

JRY:

Whom can you trust the most to have your best interest at heart? Your own mother! When she carried you, gave you birth, nursed you, changed you, dressed you, potty trained you, did she do these things for money? to be impressive? for power and influence? So, when she evangelizes you, you can be certain she is doing what she judges to be best for you.

2 Timothy 1:3-5 I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, (4) greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, (5) when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.

Psalms 78:1-8 A Contemplation Of Asaph. Give ear, O my people, to my law; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. (2) I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, (3) Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us. (4) We will not hide them from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done. (5) For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children; (6) That the generation to come might know them, The children who would be born, That they may arise and declare them to their children, (7) That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments; (8) And may not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation that did not set its heart aright, And whose spirit was not faithful to God.

Prelude: Trinity 196 "Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Holy"

Camille: piano

Noah: trumpet - see attached in a minor

Anna: clarinet - see attached in a minor

Trinity 402 "Amazing Grace"

Camille: flute

Noah: trumpet - see attached in A

Anna: piano

Grace 106 "Lord, Who May Come?"

Camille: piano - see attached in F (different text)

Noah: trumpet

Anna: clarinet

Trinity 193 "O Jesus, We Adore Thee"

Camille: sing

Noah: sing

Anna: piano

Trinity 722 "Wonderful Words of Life"

Camille: piano - transpose

Noah: trumpet

Anna: sing