

The Home, Marriage and Family — 09/20/20

TEXT- Gen 1:26-28 *And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

INTRO – Finding the perfect family.

What family in the Bible would you pattern your home after? It is difficult to find a single family that did not have great challenges and problems.

- A. Adam and Eve – Committed the original sin. First son murdered second son.
- B. Jochebed and Amram – Raised three leaders. However, Moses killed a man, Miriam committed insurrection, and Aaron built the golden calf to worship false gods.
- C. Jacob – Loved one child more than the others. Brothers sold Joseph into slavery after almost killing him.
- D. David – Committed adultery and planned the death of Uriah. His son Absalom created insurrection behind the king's back.
- E. Timothy – A godly mother and grandmother, but no mention of the father or grandfather.

The New Testament does give clear instruction on the home. The best example of a godly home is found in Luke 1:5-25; 39-80.

ELISABETH AND ZACHARIAS

Zacharias was a priest in the temple from the lineage of Aaron the high priest. Elisabeth was a cousin to Mary, mother of Jesus and the mother of John the Baptist.

Zacharias and Elisabeth were of excellent character: **Luke 1:6** *And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.*

They were righteous before God. (saved)

They walked in all the commandments and ordinances. (obedient to the Bible)

They were blameless. (a good testimony)

She prayed about her situation. *Luke 1:13*

The angel told Zacharias that John would have a special purpose for his life. *Luke 1:14-17*

1. He would be great in the sight of God. *Matthew 11:11*

"...Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist..." See also *Luke 7:28*

2. He would neither drink wine nor strong drink. This was the Nazarite vow of being separated unto God. Samson also took this vow. See *Numbers 6*.

3. He would be filled with the Holy Ghost even from his mother's womb.

4. He would turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.

5. He would be the fulfillment of Old Testament Scripture.

What does the Bible say about the home, marriage and family?

I. The Creation of The First Family

A. It was created by God - Gen 1:26-28

1. In His image

Eph 4:24 *And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*

Col 3:10 *And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:*

2. For His pleasure

Col 1:16 *For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:*

II. It was given structure and order of the family

A. Male and female

Men should be men and women should be women

B. Man was to be the head

1 Co 11:3 *But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.*

C. Intended to procreate

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth

D. It provided companionship

Eve was created as a help for Adam

Gen 2:20 *And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.*

Adam was to protect and provide for his wife

III. The Responsibilities in the Home

A. Leave and cleave

Mat 19:4-6 *And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.*

B. Husbands love your wife

Eph 5:25 *Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*

C. Wives submit to your husband

Eph 5:22 *Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.*

D. Children obey your parents

Eph 6:1-2 *Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. 2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)*

CONCL – We must keep God first place in our lives

Luke 14:26-27 *If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.*