

Providence Reformed Baptist Church - Sunday, September 4, 2022

Sermon Series: God's Plan and Purposes for Marriage

Message 17. The Children's Role: Obedience and Honor - Eph. 6:1-3; Col. 3:20

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- I. Children in the Church
 - A. Addressed – Col. 3:20; Eph. 6:1; 1 John 2:12-14
 - B. Attending – Deut. 29:11; 31:11-13; Josh. 8:35; Neh. 12:43; Mark 10:13-14
 - C. Attentive – Matt. 21:16; Rom. 10:17 – John Willison said, “Though children be young, yet bring them with you for they are capable of getting good by the Word sooner than we are aware.” (Is the Spirit limited by age or ability?)
- II. Children in the Home – Eph. 6:1-3
 - A. Action: Obey – active imperative – a command
 - 1. Be Subject To, listen up to, follow (submission) – Prov. 4:1; 5:7
 - a. The theme of submission – Eph. 5:21
 - 1) In the fear of the Lord – Eph. 5:21
 - 2) As to the Lord – Eph. 5:22
 - b. The Fall corrupted family order – Gen. 3:16
 - c. Why do we need to submit?
 - 1) We are commanded to – vs. 21
 - 2) We were created to follow – Isa. 54:6; Rom. 3:23; Luke 9:23; John 12:26
 - 3) We need to be led – John 10:3; Rom. 2:4; 12:8; Rev. 7:17
 - 4) We are not always right
 - 5) All of life is to be lived in submission to God and the authority He has placed over us – Rom. 13:1; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 5:5
 - 2. Immediate – to delay is to disobey
 - 3. With the Right Attitude
 - a. Honor (value) – Exod. 20:12; Deut. 5:16
 - 1) Honor position regardless of personality – 1 Peter 2:17
 - 2) Honor does not require praising evil
 - 3) Do not dishonor
 - b. The Promise of Long Life – Exod. 21:15, 17; Deut. 21:18-21
 - B. Age: Minors/Dependents
 - 1. Those under the protection and provisional care of parents
 - 2. Those being brought up and trained
 - 3. What removes parental authority?
 - a. Marriage – Matt. 19:4-6
 - b. Maturity (old enough to make their own decisions) – Psa. 127:3-5; Luke 15:11-24
 - c. Martyrdom (sacrificing relationships to follow Christ) – Luke 12:51-53
 - C. Attitude: In All Things
 - 1. There may be exceptions – Acts 5:29
 - 2. Don't do looking for the exceptions – Prov. 6:18
 - D. Motive: To Please the Lord – 1 Cor. 10:31; John 15:8

Cross References

Colossians 3:20

20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.

Ephesians 6:1

6 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

1 John 2:12-14

12 I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. 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 wicked one. I write to you, little children, Because you have known the Father. 14 I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.

Deuteronomy 29:11

11 your little ones and your wives—also the stranger who is in your camp, from the one who cuts your wood to the one who draws your water—

Deuteronomy 31:11-13

11 when all Israel comes to appear before the Lord your God in the place which He chooses, you shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing. 12 Gather the people together, men and women and little ones, and the stranger who is within your gates, that they may hear and that they may learn to fear the Lord your God and carefully observe all the words of this law, 13 and that their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God as long as you live in the land which you cross the Jordan to possess.”

Joshua 8:35

35 There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, with the women, the little ones, and the strangers who were living among them.

Nehemiah 12:43

43 Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and the children also rejoiced, so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard afar off.

Mark 10:13-14

13 Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. 14 But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.

Matthew 21:16

16 and said to Him, “Do You hear what these are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes. Have you never read, ‘Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise?’”

Romans 10:17

17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Proverbs 4:1

4 Hear, my children, the instruction of a father, And give attention to know understanding;

Proverbs 5:7

7 Therefore hear me now, my children, And do not depart from the words of my mouth.

Ephesians 5:21-22

21 submitting to one another in the fear of God. 22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

Genesis 3:16

16 To the woman He said: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.”

Isaiah 54:6

6 For the Lord has called you Like a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, Like a youthful wife when you were refused,” Says your God.

Romans 3:23

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Luke 9:23

23 Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

John 12:26

26 If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

John 10:3

3 To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

Romans 2:4

4 Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

Romans 12:8

8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Revelation 7:17

17 for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Romans 13:1

13 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

Titus 3:1

3 Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work,

1 Peter 5:5

5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.”

Exodus 20:12

12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

Deuteronomy 5:16

16 ‘Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

1 Peter 2:17

17 Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

Exodus 21:15

15 “And he who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

Exodus 21:17

17 “And he who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

Deuteronomy 21:18-21

18 “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. 20 And they shall say to the elders of his city, ‘This son of ours is stubborn and

rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.’ 21 Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones; so you shall put away the evil from among you, and all Israel shall hear and fear.

Matthew 19:4-6

4 And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ 5 and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? 6 So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

Psalms 127:3-5

3 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward. 4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one’s youth. 5 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

Luke 15:11-24

11 Then He said: “A certain man had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So he divided to them his livelihood. 13 And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. 14 But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. 15 Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16 And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. 17 “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, 19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.” ’ 20 “And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ 22 “But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. 23 And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; 24 for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry.

Luke 12:51-53

51 Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division. 52 For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three. 53 Father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”

Acts 5:29

29 But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men.

Proverbs 6:18

18 A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil,

1 Corinthians 10:31

31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

John 15:8

8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.