

A Father's Authority

Genesis 18:19

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God's gracious covenant includes promises of blessing and curses.
The Lord asks, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?"

Origin of a Father's Authority

"For I have chosen him."

Authority has a bad name in the modern world.

What is authority?

Authority is the sanctioned and legitimate application of power.

Children, why do you obey your parents? (Ephesians 6:1; Colossians 3:2)

When does parental authority end? Can we stop honoring them?

The Purpose of a Father's Authority

"That he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice."

Covenant keeping

Right and Just?

Keep the second table of the law. 1 Chronicles 29:19

This is the goal for our children, covenant faithfulness. (Proverbs 3:1, 7:1)

The Method of a Father's Authority

"He may *command* his children"

You are to enforce your authority.

The Rod of correction (Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15)

Eli did not do this. (1 Samuel 3:13, ESV)

God corrects his own children. (Hebrews 12:6-7)

The Blessings of a Father's Authority

“So that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.”

The promises are fulfilled in us, through our faith and obedience.

Blessings come to us by grace alone.

Obedience does not cause the blessing, but you will not be blessed without obedience.

God has chosen to bless in the way of obedience.

Where are the men?

What if we have failed?