

Father's Day 2017
We Need Godly Fathers
Sunday a.m. 6/18/2017

✧ **Our church, our families, our nation, needs godly men**

Ezekiel 22:27-30

- ✦ Government leadership in Israel was corrupt **(27)**
- ✦ Religious leadership in Israel was corrupt **(28)**
- ✦ The people in Israel were corrupt **(29)**

❖ God could not find a man in a position of authority to lead Israel

✧ **We need men today to stand in the gap as fathers**

- ✦ How do you see your role as a father, as a husband and as a man?
- ✦ Do you have a kingdom perspective as a father?
- ✦ Do you see your role as a father as part of God's kingdom?

• **God had a purpose for Moses**

- ✦ Moses saw the burning bush, heard from God, but he could have refused the job God had for him
- ✦ Moses could have decided the task was too large or that he was inadequate to carry out the job

• **God had a purpose for David**

- ✦ David saw Goliath as an insult to God
- ✦ He could have left it at that and walked away

❖ No one would have blamed Moses or David for not following through with the impossible task God had for them

✧ **But, both men would have missed out on incredible blessings and how their actions changed the lives of others**

- ✦ Do you see your role as father and husband as important?
- ✦ Do you see your role as life-changing to those that are close to you?

■ God Has Given Man Authority

Genesis 1:26 (NKJV)

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, all the earth and the creatures that crawl on the earth."

❖ Part of Adams authority was to name all the animals

Genesis 2:18-19

❖ God then gave Adam a helper, Eve

➤ **Just a thought**

⊛ **What if Eve had been with Adam to name the animals?**

Adam: I think I will call this animal a giraffe.

Eve: Really, Adam! Have you thought about its color, its long legs, its long neck. Let's make a list of different names and see which is best.

⊛ **Men, what can happen when you take the authority God has given you as the spiritual head of the home?**

■ A God Built Home (Psalm 127)

✚ Is God building your home?

✚ Do you feel your work is empty, no purpose, you are going in circles?

❖ Our investment in our children is a future blessing as a father **(3-5)**

✚ They are a **heritage**, a position to be cared for and invested in **(3a)**

✚ They are a **reward**, a benefit, a compensation **(3b)**

• They should become our helpers to accomplish our good, but also to help accomplish their future **(4)**

• We invest in our children so they will be strong to stand up in the difficulties of life **(5)**

■ What conditions need to be met for a house built by God? (Ps. 128)

• A father needs to fear God (1)

- ✧ To fear God is to have a recognition of power and position, proper respect, to be in awe of

Genesis 22:12 (Angel of the Lord (Jesus) to Abraham concerning Isaac)

Then He said, "Do not lay a hand on the boy or do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your only son from Me."

• A father needs to walk in God's ways

- ✧ When we are in awe of God, then we will walk with Him
- ✧ Our behavior, our lifestyle, needs to meet God's expected behavior that He has for us

❖ Scripture records the story of Enoch and his walk with God

What do we know about Enoch?

- ✦ Enoch lived 365 years (**Genesis 5:23**)
- ✦ Enoch pleased God by walking with God (**Hebrews 11:5b**)
- ✦ Enoch was taken into heaven without death (**Heb. 11:5a; Gen. 5:24**)
- ✦ Enoch lived in a sinful time
- ✦ Enoch stood alone, was holy
- ✦ Enoch walked in God's presence and glory and worshipped God

- ✧ God enjoyed Enoch's fellowship so much that He brought Him into His physical presence

• A father will reap the benefits (Psalms 128:2-6)

❖ We see the results of fearing God and walking in his ways

- ✦ Happiness in our finances (**2a**)
- ✦ Happiness in our emotions (**2b**)
- ✦ Happiness in our family (**3-6**)

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