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And All Thy House

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QUESTION: What would be the most pleasing sight on earth to Jesus this morning?

Ans: WHOLE FAMILY seated together in His church CHURCH SERVICE: Is not a convention to which a family may merely send a delegate. For all!!

TODAY'S EMPHASIS: On the father, in his honor!!!

I. JESUS ORDAINED THE HOME AS HIS RELIGIOUS HELPER.


B. Henry Drummond: The family-circle is the supreme conductor of Christianity. Eph. 6:4.

C. Frank Crane: The most essential element in any home is GOD!

D. Richard M. Miles: The Christian home is the Master's workshop where the process of character-molding is silently, lovingly, and faithfully carried on. BACKS THE CHURCH!!!

E. THREE CONCLUSIONS:

1. The Home is the bedrock of society and without happy homes society would revert to the rankest kind of anarchy & caos.

2. The Home and Church are co-workers and as goes the home, so goes the church!!

3. The Bible repeatedly emphasizes the value and sanctity of the home in fitting our children for a happy life and eternity!!

II. JESUS DELEGATED THE "FATHER", THE HEAD OF THE HOME.

A. Goethe: In the family where the father rules secure, there dwells a peace to be found in no other place in the world.


C. Ill. R. A. Torrey story. Woman school prin. Rejected God, Bible, Church, Religion but miserable--can't forget father's good life!! She underestimated Prov. 22:6. Changed back!

D. CONCERN: Poll. 300 7th & 8th gr. boys in BS "How much time father av. being with you a week?" Ans?? 14 hrs? no! 10, 8, 5, 3, 1? No Fathers averaged 7½ min. a WEEK with their boys ALONE. Must think, plan and change!!!
III. "GOD-FEARING" MEN HAVE ALWAYS BEEN WORLD'S GREATEST!!! Mission: Heaven for family!

A. JOSHUA. Farewell address. 1427 B.C.
   Led Israel 24 yrs. (1451-1427) B.C.
   Influenced God's whole family. 24:14-16,31

B. PHILIPPIAN JAILER. Acts 16:31-34.
   2. Ans. V. 31. "and all thy house."
   3. A good daddy: V. 32, 33, 34!!

   1. "Feared God"=loving reverential respect.
   2. Influenced his whole-family. v. 2:11:14
   3. A missionary before conversion: V. 24,
      v. 33. v. 43-44. V. 47-48.

D. BIBLE compliments the "Christian" Father as
   it does no other man: For any other reason!
   1. Clearly teaches: that GOD respects the
      Christian father above ALL other men,
      regardless of other honors or successes.
   2. Points out: Responsible men and women
      the world over admire a faithful
      Christian daddy above all other worldly
      accomplishments. One of most precious!!
   3. Suggests also: wonderful Christian Young
      people adore and appreciate their
      Christian Fathers beyond their ability
      to express.

LESSON: The Christian man is greatest!!

INV: Four serious thoughts to think about:

1. Believe Father's role as imp. as Bible says
   ARE you A CHRISTIAN FATHER? Any better?
   B-R-C-B.

2. Believe the Chr. home the grandest?
   HAVE YOU HELPED yours BE A TRULY CHR. HOME?
   If not, what can you do to change that?

3. Young people: Your Father tried to lead you
   in the way of the Lord?
   HAVE you FOLLOWED HIS WISE LEADERSHIP?
   If not, why not? Bad way!

4. Something wrong? that you need to make
   right? WANT TO EASE YOUR
   MIND by coming at His invitation now!!

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