

The Home as God would have it
Gen. 2:18-25

Introduction:

1. Read Gen. 2:15-25
2. Regarding the text:
 - (1) God has established three institutions:
 - a. The home – Gen. 2:21-25;
 - b. The Church - Matt. 16:18; Eph. 3:10-11, 20-21
 - c. The government – Dan. 4:24-26; Rom. 13:1-3.
 - (2) These institutions are not perfect in their operations, but because they are divine in origin they are sacred and honorable.
 - (3) No nation can rise above the faith, ideals and standards of its home.
 - a. Home life is an index to the strength and stability of any nation.
 - b. Gibbons in his history of Rome stated that one reason for Rome’s fall was the undermining of the sanctity of the home.
 - (4) The workings of the home are given by God and when the home operates according to His plan, the home is the vestibule of heaven. When the home operates outside of His plan, the home can deteriorate to a “living hell.”
3. This morning we discuss the home, specifically “The Home as God would have it.”
4. We enter this study so as to be reminded of God’s plan for our homes and that by following His plan we experience good lives and lay a foundation for our children to build on.

DISCUSSION: The home as God would have it –

- I. Intertwines with the Church.
 1. The home and the Church are distinct institutions but similar in structure. They are both designated as families.
 2. Both have divinely ordained heads, Eph. 5:23
 3. Members wear family names,
 - a. Eph. 3:15;
 - b. Acts 11:26
 4. Both are entered into through birth,

- a. John 3:3,5;
 - b. Acts 2:38
 - 5. Both are to procreate themselves,
 - a. Gen. 1:27-28;
 - b. Matt. 28:19-20;
 - 6. In both there is to be mutuality of love, respect, compassion, forgiveness and understanding.
 - a. Col. 3:12-14, 17.
 - 7. Both have responsibilities to fulfill and obligations to shoulder,
 - a. Gal. 6:2.
 - 8. Both have brother and sister relationships,
 - a. Rom. 12:1
- II. Is a place of joy and happiness
- 1. There is someone cares for me, John 3:16; Psalm 23; John 10:11
 - 2. There is someone shares with me
 - 3. There is someone upon whom I can depend
 - 4. There is a special covenant someone – husband or wife – with whom I can be intimate.
- III. A place for prayer and the word of God.
- 1. God revealed his plans to Abraham because his home was a place of spirituality.
 - i. Gen. 18:17-19
 - ii. Deut. 6:6-9
 - iii. Psalm 72:2-8; Prov. 22:6
 - iv. Family worship is a daily affair, 2 Tim. 2:15; 2 Tim. 3:16.
 - 2. Husbands are to pray for their wives and wives for their husbands
 - i. Gen. 25:21
 - ii. I Samuel 1:27-28
 - 3. The home of which the husband is head is a spiritual home. He is leading and preparing his family for heaven.

CONCLUSION:

1. We have discussed the home as God would have it. We have seen –
 - a. The home intertwines with the Church
 - b. The home is place of joy and happiness
 - c. The home is a place for prayer and the word of God.
2. What's the condition of your home?
3. God has another home for you, His Church! Are you a part of his family? You must be born again.