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Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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ON THE HOME FRONT

Bradley Smith

From time to time, we will receive letters addressed to us thanking us for the Spiritual Sword. This week, we will share two of those letters.

Hello The Spiritual Sword Staff!

Greeting from one of your regular recipient of your periodical booklet "Spiritual Sword" you send to me and others around the world. My name is Hayford Ayitey with ID 00218344 of your list. Am writing to you this time also to express my profound gratitude of receiving your teachable learning material from your end. I wish to express my appreciation to you and the staff and pray that the work may also continue to grow great to help those within and without in the church to benefit from the word of God. May God bless you and the staff to continue with this great work.

from

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is our donation to help with the publication of the Spiritual Sword, probably the foremost written product among the churches of Christ.

The quarterly themes are well selected and the knowledgeable writers always craft well researched articles pertaining to the assigned topic.

The finished monographs are usually good spiritual food for one's thoughts. Die Artikel sind sehr gut erforscht urd geschrieben. Wir gratulieren.

Sincerely

Kurt M. and Lois Pfaff

God's Plan for the Home (Pt. 5)

Bradley Smith

The last several weeks, we have been studying God's plan for the home. This has not been an all-exhaustive list, but these are perhaps some of the more forgotten parts of God's plan. It may not be that they are forgotten, but not discussed as often because they are viewed as "insensitive" etc. This will most likely be the last installment in this course of study. In this week's article, we will discuss the grave responsibility of each family member to one another.

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it (Eph. 5:25).

We see in this verse that the husband is to love the wife. How sad it is to see husbands that do not truly love their wives. If a husband truly loves his wife, he will never put his hands on her to harm her. If a husband truly loves his wife, he will do all that he can to provide for her.

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord (Eph. 5:22).

This verse tells us that wives are to submit to their husbands. This is not because they are weaker intellectually (many women are smarter than men in many areas). This is not because the Bible hates women (this could not be further from the truth). God designated for the husband to be the head of the home, so this is how it should be.

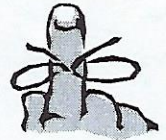
Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right (Eph. 6:1).

It is the duty of the child to submit to his parents. As much as some children may deny it, parents actually know more than the child. So long as the parents are training their children in accordance with the word of God, the child should obey.

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus (2 Tim. 3:15).

This last concept is found in principle. Timothy knew the holy scriptures "from a child." Obviously, his mother and grandmother had done a great job in teaching young Timothy. Mothers and fathers should do all that they can to have their children properly trained in the word of God. We thank you very much for joining us in this time of study throughout this series.

RON'S REMINDERS



What Does God Look Like?

Children are very inquisitive. They ask a lot of questions. How do airplanes fly? Why do I have to sit still? How long will it take to get to Grandma's house? But perhaps the most perplexing question they ask is, what does God look like? We say, "I don't know," a response that does nothing to satisfy their insatiable curiosity.

Consequently, children imagine scenes of a very gentle, old man. As they grow into adulthood, they still wonder what God looks like.

The Bible actually gives us a picture of God. Isaiah revealed what he saw when God called him to be a prophet, "I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!'"

Scripture further unlocks the mystery about our Creator. These are intangible things, true enough, but God looks like:

- **Power.** The word *omnipotent* means all powerful. There is none other like God! The first chapters of Genesis begin to describe the incomparable power of the Creator. He spoke things into existence. He formed man from the dust of the earth. He formed woman from a rib taken from Adam's side. Every part of God's handiwork reveals design. It logically follows that if there was masterful design, there must be a Master Designer!

- **Knowledge.** God is omniscient, all knowing. The Psalmist wrote, "O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways ... For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it (Ps. 139:1-6).

- **Presence.** God is omnipresent, He is everywhere. "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence ... If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall fall on me,' Even the night shall be light about me; Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You" (Psalm 139:7-12).

- **Spirit.** Jesus explained to the woman at the well "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:24).

- **Majesty.** The Psalmist gives a glimpse of what He looks like, "Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, You are very great: You are clothed with honor and majesty" (Psalm 104:1).

- **Light.** When Jesus spoke to the people, He said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12).

- **Love.** The apostle John said, "In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him" (1 John 4:9). He went on, "And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them" (1 John 4:16).

- **Holy.** Holiness does not allow for any sin that would stain the soul. Peter said, "But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, 'Be holy, for I am holy'" (1 Peter 1:15-).

- **Compassion, grace, and long-suffering.** The Psalmist spoke of these, "But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth" (Psalm 86:15).

- **Mercy.** The Psalmist declared twenty-six times that God's mercy endures forever. "Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever" (Psalm 136:1).

- **Forgiveness.** Paul preached, "Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you" (Acts 13:38).

- **Wisdom.** "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!" (Romans 11:33,43-44).

"What does God look like? He is Protector, Goodness, Sovereignty, Faithfulness' Righteousness, Listener, Defender, Refuge, Foundation, Provider, Just, Eternal, and much, much more.. We have only touched the hem of His glorious garment!

Teresa Hampton
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