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THEME: THE ROLE OF FATHERS/HUSBAND IN THE FAMILY

SCRIPTURE READING EPHESIANS 5:21-32

My thesis that I am presenting on this Father's Day June 21, 2020 is to look at the role of the fathers/ husband's role in the life of the family.

Why did God create the family? My answer is to lead the human family to God with the express purpose of creating the family of God on the earth which in turn will end up being God 's family in heaven.

I want to start first with.

I. THE PREPARATION FOR THE FAMILY ON EARTH Gen 2:18, & 21-24

In the Genesis a/c of creation, Adam presence in the world was attributed directed to the action of God.

Gen2: 7 By God's creative act both Adam and Eve where was brought existence, **Gen 2:18 & 21**

The supreme dignity of human beings is expressed in the concept that they are created in the image of God.

Gen 1:26-28 God gave the first couple his blessings and asked them to replenish his earth, fill the earth with people and bring the earth under your control.

The creation account gives emphasis to the fundamental unity of male and female. The creation of Eve brought about the institution of monogamous marriage. The unity between husband and wife into one flesh. **Gen 2:24** But with His creative genius God

made woman, her very body dependent on man for her existence, yet so designed as to supply that which man was lacking.

Adam made a beautiful play on the word woman (or wife or bride, female as opposed to a male. In Hebrew, a man... woman is similar. Despite our fore parent's sin God maintained his purpose to save the family from **extinction**.

It is this unity, between men and women there is the fundamental bond which at the root of society. It is the closeness, egalitarian character and the importance in human family and it can be scarcely be exaggerated.

The very nature of Adam from the start called for a counter part that God graciously provided and in the purpose of God there appears to be an equal relationship for both sexes.

The place of women in the family, in society and in the church has been the object of much attention. It is important to have clear biblical moorings in an area where position varies to an extreme degree, as the role of the woman in today world.

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II. THE PARTICIPATION IN THE FAMILY IN OUR SOCIETY Eph. 5:21-25

One of the best presentations on family values comes the Christian standards as given us by the Apostle Paul, in **Eph. 5:21-6:4**

The key to family values is submitting of our selves one to the other. **Eph 5:21**

In Eph 5: 22 has no verb. It borrows the verb from **Vs 21**. To submit means to arrange or rank under. We are to yield to another in our attitudes and actions, just as with “yield sign” on a traffic sign.

We are to let others go first as the situation warrants. we are to serve one another. It is a chosen self-subordination based on security in Christ and security in self.

Vs 21 by honor Christ and put others first.

Vs 22 The honoring of wives to their husbands/father is an inference drawn from the word in **vs. 21** The exhortation given to wives here is but special instances of the general Christian rule. This is the duty of Christian woman rather than an instance of nature’s order.

The wife should put her husband/father of her children first as she does the Lord. As the Scripture say, a man leaves father and mother get married and he becomes like one person with his wife.

The submission of the wife to the husband is an extension of our submission to the other members of the Christian family and of the body of Christ.

As Christ is the head of the church, he is also the savior and the protector of its members and their interest, so the husband/ father is responsible for the protection , provision, and care of his family.

It is a mistake to read head as the sense of superior or inferior. And to make sure that we do not misunderstand headship in marriage as the right of a husband/father to dominate his wife and family; Paul

specifies in which way the husband’s headship is to be expressed.

In the marriage headship, the emphasize placed on the husband/father is compared to that like Christ role of sustaining and protecting the church his bride/ wife and encouraging her personal and spiritual growth similar to the husband and father ‘s role to his family. This is real freedom, for all true freedom begins with mastery of self.

God is calling husbands/ fathers to be sanctifiers, `who are set apart, for the purpose of the transformation of their mates and their families from where they are into what they ought to be. That sanctification, requiring being a Savior of the family.

Vs 23 –24 God has for practical purposes established a descending order of which He (God) is the head of Christ, Christ is the head of the husband/father and husband/ father is the head of women. **1Cor 11:3**

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Authority and government are lodged in him; the household has its unity and center in him; from him the wife receives her cherished help; his views and feelings are naturally adopted and acted out by her.

Having two heads in the same household will create a dualism. Dualism would be perpetual antagonism. In attitude and actions, someone must yield, rank under, and choose submission. The example and pattern for

the husband/ father to follow in Christ love for the church vs. 25. Paul says certain things about the love that a husband must have for his wife and family.

First, let me describe what the father /husband love for his wife and family should be like.

A. IT MUST BE A SACRIFICING LOVE. Vs 25

As the head of household fathers/ husband would bring a **Sacrificial Love to the Family. They must love their family and be willing to give themselves for them. It must be an unselfish love.**

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B. IT MUST BE A PURIFYING LOVE. Vs 26

Real love is great purifier of life. Christ has a caring love for his Christian family. Real love does not extract service, nor to ensure that its own physical comfort is attended to, but it cherished the ones it loves. It is an unbreakable love. Christ is united to his family as the members of the body are united to each other and would no more think of causing harm to those in his care.

Christ cleansed and consecrated the Church by the washing of water by the word. Vs 26 Christ sought to have the family /church for himself by cleansing it until there was neither soiling spot nor disfiguring or wrinkles upon it.

Therefore, any love, which drags a person down, is false. Therefore love, which coarsens instead of refining the character that necessitates deceit, which weakens the moral fiber, is not love. Real love is the great purifier of life.

C. IT MUST BE A CARING LOVE. Vs 28

A husband/father must love his wife and his family as he loves his own body. Real love loves not to extract service. Caring love does not seek to ensure that its own physical comfort is attended to, there is something far wrong when a husband/father regards his wife as simply the one who cooks his meals and washes his clothes and cleans his house and trains his children.

D. IT MUST BE AN UNBREAKABLE LOVE. Vs 29

Paul does not place the husband/father on a par with Christ as the object of women 's submission, but rather affirms that as Christians the wives owe to Christ the honorand respect to their husbands.

This is no mark of inferiority that Paul places upon women, but rather a priority as assigned to husband in the order of God creative purpose.

A MAN bragged on his marriage once and said, "In our marriage, my wife and I have decided to never go to bed angry. We haven't been to sleep in three weeks!"

The husband/father role is far more demanding than the wife's role in her call to submit. Husband/fathers must love as Christ's loved. He must give himself up; suffer as need be for the sake of his wife's and family needs, which in turn causes his wife to trust and easily submit to him.

St Augustine wisely remarked: If God had meant woman to rule over man. He would have taken her out of Adam's head. Had He designed her to be his slave, from his feet? But God took woman out of man's side, for he made her to be a helpmate and an equal to him.

The wife's duties to her husband may fall short of the ideal, even as the church devotion to Christ may come short, but as Christ 's love for his church is unending though every vicissitude, so the husband father's love and care for his wife and family must be constant and unending true at whatever cost is laid upon him.

This is indeed an extremely high standard. But it must be remembered that it is the Christian standard and not the pagan standard of ancient or modern human beings with its low estimate of women or wives or mothers personal dignity and with the idealized easy divorcé.

A husband was looking at a couple and he said to his wife, "Look at them, they look so happy. They look like a happy couple." She said, "Don't be too sure, they're probably saying the same thing about us."

To treat one's wife or mothers of our children as a slave or a chattel does as much damage to a man's personality as to her.

He gave himself up- his position, desires, appetites, and life –to die on the cross. He died to win trust and died to save. Surrendered self-centeredness: purged of self-sovereignty; filled with the fullness of God; with a focus on the other person

Has the family structure change? Is single parenting an accepted family structure? Is a couple of the same sex a family acceptable? We must answer these questions some day because we may face them in our own family someday. But how do we fit in with God's model of the spiritual family?

