**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. In Deuteronomy 5, Moses gave his farewell address to the children of Israel.
      1. He had poured his life into them.
      2. He wanted his work to last.
      3. He wanted the nation to endure.
         1. He knew that the nation could not endure unless there was a future for the family.
   2. Deuteronomy 5:29
      1. Moses spoke of his people, and he spoke for God in this passage.
      2. This speaks of a future for the family.
   3. It may not be well for us and our children unless we make some radical changes.
      1. Thousands of children are in prison.
      2. Many children live in broken homes.
      3. Some have already received psychiatric help.
      4. Many girls between the ages of twelve and seventeen will get pregnant.
         1. Some will have an abortion.
      5. Many children are using drugs.
   4. Something tragic is wrong, and our kids are walking through a minefield.
   5. God’s answer is what it has always been: the family.
      1. God’s Word still says, “Train up a child in the way that he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”
         1. Proverbs 22:6
   6. After Deuteronomy 5, Moses gave the most important passage in all of the book of Deuteronomy and one of the key passages in all of the Bible.
      1. To our Jewish friends, this is one of the most important Scriptures that they know.
      2. Deuteronomy 6:1-9
         1. This is God’s plan.
         2. This is God’s formula that the family might have a future.
   7. We talk about progress, but just how much progress are we making?
   8. There are many churches that are filled with liberalism.
      1. Kids are going to these churches where the authority of the Word of God and the life of the Lord Jesus Christ are not being made manifest.
         1. The worship is empty, futile, and even dangerous.
         2. And these kids have lost their mooring.
      2. Someone has well said the following:
         1. In the 1950’s, kids lost their innocence.
         2. In the 1960’s, a time of rebellion, they lost their authority and all the answers were challenged.
            1. The kids challenged their parents, religion, and the government.
            2. But nothing replaced the authorities.

So, the youth were left without anything to believe.

* + - 1. In the 1970’s, they lost their ability to love.
         1. It became a “me” decade.
         2. Not knowing how to love, kids who had an innate ability to love substituted sex for love.

And they didn’t know the difference.

* + - 1. Having lost their innocence, having lost their authorities, and having lost the ability to love, they lost hope.
         1. They stopped believing in the future.
  1. Not only are kids facing liberalism in the churches, but they are also facing humanism in the schools.
     1. At one time, problems in the schools consisted of skipping school, running in the halls, and talking in class.
        1. Now the problems include violence, stealing, rape, teacher abuse, deadly weapons on school grounds, etc.
  2. Kids are seeing paganism in society.
     1. The alcohol industry spends billions of dollars every year in advertising trying to seduce teenagers.
        1. Some will say that it is harmless, but it is not harmless.
           1. It is dangerous.
        2. They never show drunks in the back ally covered with vomit and flies.
        3. They show healthy, robust, young men sitting around a campfire having a big time.
     2. On television, if a drink is served, most of the time it will be alcohol.
        1. In a tense situation, someone will say that they need a drink.
        2. When there is an emergency, they go to the liquor cabinet.
     3. On television, most sexual encounters are shown as being outside the bonds of matrimony.
     4. In certain types of music, the message is primarily sexual promiscuity, bisexuality, fatalism, demonic worship, alcohol, and rebellion.
        1. Concerning sex, the message is given that someone can go all the way without consequences.
           1. But when a girl gets pregnant, they have gone a little further down the way.
           2. When someone contracts a venereal disease, they have gone a little further down the way.
           3. You have not gone all the way until you face God in the judgment who says to flee fornication and to not commit adultery.

1 Corinthians 6:18

Exodus 20:14

* + - 1. Kids are having this drummed into their heads day after day.
         1. What are we going to do?
         2. What is God’s plan?
  1. In today’s message, we will look at three basic things in the book of Deuteronomy concerning the future for the family.

1. a future for the family is promised (deuteronomy 6:1-2)
   1. God has promised a future for the family.
      1. It starts with the parents.
   2. Plato said that the life of the nation is the life of the family written large.
   3. A juvenile delinquent is, many times, a child just trying to act like his parents.
2. A Foundation for the family is provided (deuteronomy 6:3-5)
   1. The foundation for the family is a love for God.
   2. We are to love God with a sincere love.
      1. This means with all of our hearts.
      2. If parents do not sincerely love God, then they do not have much chance of having a successful family.
      3. Many kids are turned off of religion because they see that their parents, while they profess religion, don’t love God with all of their hearts.
         1. Karl Marx was raised in a Jewish family, and they attended synagogue faithfully.
            1. When they moved to another city, they attended a Lutheran church.
         2. Karl Marx asked his father why they were going to a Lutheran church, and his father told him that it was because of business reasons.
            1. He was so disillusioned with his father that something died within him.
            2. He said to himself that his father had no real conviction.
         3. Later, Karl Marx founded the movement that we know as Communism.
         4. In his writings, Marx said that religion was the opiate of the people.
            1. That was because he saw that his father did not have a sincere love for God.
   3. We are to love God with a selfless love.
      1. We are to love God with all of our soul.
         1. The “soul” is the “self.”
      2. Kids look for their parents to have such integrity that there is nothing in their lives that is marked off as private or as “God, stay out.”
         1. Kids want to see parents who bring God into their family, recreation, business, and in the relationship between husband and wife.
   4. We are to love God with a strong love.
      1. Love God with all of your might.
         1. Deuteronomy 6:5
         2. This is the foundation for the family
      2. Love God with all of your strength.
         1. Physical strength
         2. Emotional strength
         3. Financial strength
         4. Intellectual strength
3. a formula for the family is prescribed (deuteronomy 6:5-9)
   1. God says that faith is to go from the parents to their children.
      1. It is not a pastor’s job, the Sunday school teacher’s job, nor anyone else’s job to teach your children.
         1. It is primarily the parents’ job.
   2. It has been said that if the husband or father is not the head of the family, then there can be nothing but chaos.
   3. The father is to provide stability, leadership, character, and strength for the family.
      1. The Bible makes this very plain and clear.
         1. Deuteronomy 6:5-7
            1. No one can do this for you.
      2. Mothers are being pushed out of their God-given assignment, the home.
      3. Millions of unattended children are roaming the streets, or they are being put in daycare centers.
      4. There are forces, powerful and sinister, that are taking the plastic mentality of children and molding their minds.
      5. Television has become a babysitter.
      6. God made your child to be dependent upon you.
         1. You cannot pay someone else to take this responsibility.
   4. We need to start with our children when they are young, when their minds are ready to receive.
      1. How old should a child be when you begin to train him for God?
         1. You should start while the child is in the mother’s womb.
            1. The baby listens in the womb.
   5. How are we to teach our children?
      1. We are to teach the Word of God convincingly.
         1. Deuteronomy 6:6
         2. If you are a phony, then your kids will spot you right away.
            1. They need to know that you love God with all of your heart.
      2. We are to teach the Word of God creatively.
         1. Deuteronomy 6:7
         2. It should be taught when we go in and out of the house, when we wake up in the morning, and when we go to bed at night.
            1. Constantly, we are to be teaching the Word of God.
         3. Teach the Word of God through Bible stories, games, Bible memory, Christian books, music, etc.
      3. We are to teach the Word of God consistently.
         1. Deuteronomy 6:7
            1. Teach them diligently.

This means consistently.

* + - 1. The problem with many of us is that we just get started, and we stop, and we start, and we stop.
      2. Isaiah 28:9-10
         1. This is the way to teach God’s Word.

Do it diligently; here a little, there a little, line upon line, and precept upon precept.

* + 1. We are to teach the Word of God conversationally.
       1. Deuteronomy 6:7
          1. “And thou shalt talk of them.”
          2. This does not mean to simply recite the Word of God, but talk of it in your conversation.
       2. A wise parent and grandparent will find hundreds of ways to apply the Word of God.
          1. It does not have to be dull; it can be interesting.
          2. Faith is caught as well as taught.

Bad things are also caught.

Little ears are listening.

Be careful what you say.

* + - 1. Talk of the Word of God.
      2. Apply the Bible to life situations.
    1. We are to teach the Word of God conspicuously.
       1. Deuteronomy 6:8
          1. Our Jewish friends take this passage literally.

They put Scripture in little boxes called phylacteries.

They tie a portion of the Word of God to their hands and put some on their foreheads.

* + - * 1. But there is a far deeper meaning.

The Word of God between your eyes means that whatever you think is to be controlled by the Word of God.

The Word of God on your hand means that whatever you do is to be controlled by the Word of God.

* + - * 1. The principle is that the Word of God is to be very evident.
      1. Deuteronomy 6:9
         1. Our houses should contain Scriptural mottos, pictures, and other things that will remind people of the Lord Jesus.

This is the atmosphere of our home.

1. CONCLUSION
   1. God has given us a promise of a future.
      1. God says that if you do this, then it will be well with you and your children and your children’s children.
         1. Deuteronomy 6:1-2
   2. God has given us a foundation.
      1. God says that if you love Him with all of your heart, all of your soul, and all of your strength, then it will be well with you.
         1. Deuteronomy 6:5
         2. There will be a future for your family.
   3. God says that it is up to the parents to teach their children the Word of God.
      1. A great problem today is drop-out dads and misdirected mothers.
   4. God has given us a plan for the future and a future for the family.
   5. The first step in that plan is to have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.
   6. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   7. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16