

## SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) In Deuteronomy 5, Moses gave his farewell address to the children of Israel.
  - i) He had poured his life into them.
  - ii) He wanted his work to last.
  - iii) He wanted the nation to endure.
    - (1) He knew that the nation could not endure unless there was a future for the family.
- b) Deuteronomy 5:29
  - i) Moses spoke of his people, and he spoke for God in this passage.
  - ii) This speaks of a future for the family.
- c) It may not be well for us and our children unless we make some radical changes.
  - i) Thousands of children are in prison.
  - ii) Many children live in broken homes.
  - iii) Some have already received psychiatric help.
  - iv) Many girls between the ages of twelve and seventeen will get pregnant.
    - (1) Some will have an abortion.
  - v) Many children are using drugs.
- d) Something tragic is wrong, and our kids are walking through a minefield.
- e) God's answer is what it has always been: the family.
  - i) 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
- f) 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.
  - i) To our Jewish friends, this is one of the most important Scriptures that they know.
  - ii) Deuteronomy 6:1-9
    - (1) This is God's plan.
    - (2) This is God's formula that the family might have a future.
- g) We talk about progress, but just how much progress are we making?
- h) There are many churches that are filled with liberalism.
  - i) 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.
  - ii) 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.
      - (a) The kids challenged their parents, religion, and the government.
      - (b) But nothing replaced the authorities.
        - (i) So, the youth were left without anything to believe.
    - (3) In the 1970's, they lost their ability to love.

- (a) It became a “me” decade.
  - (b) Not knowing how to love, kids who had an innate ability to love substituted sex for love.
    - (i) And they didn’t know the difference.
  - (4) Having lost their innocence, having lost their authorities, and having lost the ability to love, they lost hope.
    - (a) They stopped believing in the future.
- i) Not only are kids facing liberalism in the churches, but they are also facing humanism in the schools.
  - i) 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.
  - j) Kids are seeing paganism in society.
    - i) 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.
        - (a) 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.
      - ii) 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.
      - iii) On television, most sexual encounters are shown as being outside the bonds of matrimony.
      - iv) 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.
          - (a) But when a girl gets pregnant, they have gone a little further down the way.
          - (b) When someone contracts a venereal disease, they have gone a little further down the way.
          - (c) You have not gone all the way until you face God in the judgment who says to flee fornication and to not commit adultery.
            - (i) 1 Corinthians 6:18
            - (ii) Exodus 20:14
        - (2) Kids are having this drummed into their heads day after day.
          - (a) What are we going to do?
          - (b) What is God’s plan?
  - k) In today’s message, we will look at three basic things in the book of Deuteronomy concerning the future for the family.

- 2) A FUTURE FOR THE FAMILY IS PROMISED (DEUTERONOMY 6:1-2)
  - a) God has promised a future for the family.
    - i) It starts with the parents.
  - b) Plato said that the life of the nation is the life of the family written large.
  - c) A juvenile delinquent is, many times, a child just trying to act like his parents.
  
- 3) A FOUNDATION FOR THE FAMILY IS PROVIDED (DEUTERONOMY 6:3-5)
  - a) The foundation for the family is a love for God.
  - b) We are to love God with a sincere love.
    - i) This means with all of our hearts.
    - ii) If parents do not sincerely love God, then they do not have much chance of having a successful family.
    - iii) 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.
        - (a) 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.
          - (a) He was so disillusioned with his father that something died within him.
          - (b) 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.
          - (a) That was because he saw that his father did not have a sincere love for God.
    - c) We are to love God with a selfless love.
      - i) We are to love God with all of our soul.
        - (1) The "soul" is the "self."
      - ii) 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.
    - d) We are to love God with a strong love.
      - i) Love God with all of your might.
        - (1) Deuteronomy 6:5
        - (2) This is the foundation for the family
      - ii) Love God with all of your strength.
        - (1) Physical strength
        - (2) Emotional strength
        - (3) Financial strength
        - (4) Intellectual strength

- 4) A FORMULA FOR THE FAMILY IS PRESCRIBED (DEUTERONOMY 6:5-9)
- a) God says that faith is to go from the parents to their children.
    - i) 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.
  - b) It has been said that if the husband or father is not the head of the family, then there can be nothing but chaos.
  - c) The father is to provide stability, leadership, character, and strength for the family.
    - i) The Bible makes this very plain and clear.
      - (1) Deuteronomy 6:5-7
        - (a) No one can do this for you.
      - ii) Mothers are being pushed out of their God-given assignment, the home.
      - iii) Millions of unattended children are roaming the streets, or they are being put in daycare centers.
      - iv) There are forces, powerful and sinister, that are taking the plastic mentality of children and molding their minds.
      - v) Television has become a babysitter.
      - vi) God made your child to be dependent upon you.
        - (1) You cannot pay someone else to take this responsibility.
  - d) We need to start with our children when they are young, when their minds are ready to receive.
    - i) 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.
        - (a) The baby listens in the womb.
  - e) How are we to teach our children?
    - i) 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.
          - (a) They need to know that you love God with all of your heart.
    - ii) 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.
          - (a) 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.
    - iii) We are to teach the Word of God consistently.
      - (1) Deuteronomy 6:7
        - (a) Teach them diligently.
          - (i) This means consistently.
        - (2) The problem with many of us is that we just get started, and we stop, and we start, and we stop.
        - (3) Isaiah 28:9-10

- (a) This is the way to teach God's Word.
  - (i) Do it diligently; here a little, there a little, line upon line, and precept upon precept.
- iv) We are to teach the Word of God conversationally.
  - (1) Deuteronomy 6:7
    - (a) "And thou shalt talk of them."
    - (b) 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.
    - (a) It does not have to be dull; it can be interesting.
    - (b) Faith is caught as well as taught.
      - (i) Bad things are also caught.
        - 1. Little ears are listening.
        - 2. Be careful what you say.
  - (3) Talk of the Word of God.
  - (4) Apply the Bible to life situations.
- v) We are to teach the Word of God conspicuously.
  - (1) Deuteronomy 6:8
    - (a) Our Jewish friends take this passage literally.
      - (i) They put Scripture in little boxes called phylacteries.
      - (ii) They tie a portion of the Word of God to their hands and put some on their foreheads.
    - (b) But there is a far deeper meaning.
      - (i) The Word of God between your eyes means that whatever you think is to be controlled by the Word of God.
      - (ii) The Word of God on your hand means that whatever you do is to be controlled by the Word of God.
    - (c) The principle is that the Word of God is to be very evident.
  - (2) Deuteronomy 6:9
    - (a) Our houses should contain Scriptural mottos, pictures, and other things that will remind people of the Lord Jesus.
      - (i) This is the atmosphere of our home.

## 5) CONCLUSION

- a) God has given us a promise of a future.
  - i) 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
- b) God has given us a foundation.
  - i) 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.

- c) God says that it is up to the parents to teach their children the Word of God.
  - i) A great problem today is drop-out dads and misdirected mothers.
- d) God has given us a plan for the future and a future for the family.
- e) The first step in that plan is to have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.
- f) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- g) 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.
  - i) Romans 3:23
  - ii) Romans 10:9-10
  - iii) Romans 10:13
  - iv) Acts 16:31
  - v) John 3:16