

THE HOME AS GOD PLANNED IT
Genesis 2:18-25

Introduction:

- 1. God created three divine institutions for the happiness, peace and well-being of mankind.**
 - a. The home (family) is the first and most fundamental (Gen. 2).**
 - b. The civil state is essential for civilization to exist (Rom. 13:1-7).**
 - c. The church of Christ is essential for our spiritual needs and our eternal salvation (Matthew 16:16-19).**

- 2. The home is the basic building block of all human society.**
 - a. The nation is only as strong as the homes which compose it.**
 - b. The church is only as strong as the homes which compose it.**

- 3. The home as God planned it has a two-fold purpose:**
 - a. To provide life-long companionship for a man and a woman.**
 - b. To bring children into the world, to love and provide for them and to prepare them for life and eternity.**

- 4. It doesn't take a village to raise a child; it takes a home!**

Discussion:

- I. THE HOME AS GOD PLANNED IT IS UNDER ATTACK TODAY!**
 - A. Some say the God ordained family is out of date and we must allow for alternative families.**
 - 1. Homosexual marriage was declared legal by the Supreme court contrary to the Bible, nature and the Constitution (Leviticus 20:13; Romans 1:26,27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).**
 - 2. Some say that polygamy should be legalized.**
 - 3. Others argue for the marriage of adults and children.**
 - 4. Some demand the right to marry animals (Galatians 5:19).**

- B. God given marriage is no longer respected by the world.**
 - 1. Easy, no fault divorce makes it easy to break up homes, but marriage is a lifetime commitment (Romans 7:1-4).**
 - 2. Many live together without bothering to get married.**
 - a. Marriage is a covenant between a man, a woman, and God (Malachi 2:14; Matthew 19:4-6).**
 - b. Merely “living together” is fornication (Heb. 13:4).**

II. THE HOME AS GOD PLANNED IT IS PERMANENT.

- A. God created one wife for Adam (Genesis 2:24; Matt. 19:5,6).**
 - 1. He “tolerated” polygamy much as He tolerated their request for a king (1 Samuel 8:4-9; Hosea 13:11).**
 - 2. Because of the “hardness of their hearts” God also permitted divorce under the Law, but it was not part of His original intent (Deuteronomy 24:1-4; Matthew 19:7,8).**
- B. Jesus restored God’s original law of marriage (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-8).**
 - 1. Marriage is for “male and female.”**
 - 2. Marriage is for only two - one man and one woman.**
 - 3. Marriage is for life (Romans 7:1-4).**
 - 4. There is but one exception:**

“And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery” (Matthew 19:9).
 - 5. “Matthew 19:9 doesn’t need explaining; it needs obeying” (Guy N. Woods).**

III. THE HOME AS GOD PLANNED IT HAS FATHER AS THE HEAD.

- A. One third to one half of all homes do not have a father in it.**

1. Children from such homes are six times as likely to live below the poverty level.
2. They are twice as likely to drop out of school before graduation, and much more likely to get in trouble.

B. The husband and father is essential in the home.

1. He is the head of the home (Ephesians 5:22,23).
2. He is the chief provider (1 Timothy 5:8).
3. He is given the spiritual responsibility of “bringing his children up in the “training and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4).

IV. THE HOME AS GOD PLANNED IT HAS MOTHER AS THE MANAGER.

A. Mothers in the home are irreplaceable.

1. My own children were disappointed if “Mom” was not there when they came home from school.
2. Mothers today turn the raising of their children over to day care and baby-sitters who may not share their values.

B. Notice some Bible passages pertaining to mothers:

1. The “virtuous wife” was a homemaker (Prov. 31:10-31).
2. Younger widows are to “marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully” (1 Timothy 5:14).
3. Older women must “teach the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the Word of God may not be blasphemed” (Titus 2:4,5).
4. Eunice raised Timothy in the faith (Acts 16:1; 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14,15).

V. THE HOME AS GOD PLANNED IT HAS OBEDIENT CHILDREN.

A. God has always expected children to obey their parents.

1. The fifth commandment required it (Exodus 20:12).
2. An incorrigible child could be legally put to death (Deut. 21:18-21).

B. The New Testament commands children to “obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise: that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth” (Eph. 6:1-3).

1. It is right because parents gave their children life.
2. It is right because Godly parents love their children.
3. It is right because Godly parents are older and wiser.
4. It is right because God Who made us says so.

VI. THE HOME AS GOD PLANNED IT HAS CHRIST AT THE CENTER.

A. Many otherwise good people have failed with their children.

1. Eli’s sons “were corrupt; they did not know the Lord” (1 Samuel 2:12).
2. Samuel’s sons “did not walk in his ways; they turned aside after dishonest gain, took bribes and perverted justice” (1 Samuel 8:3).
3. David’s children included a rapist, a murderer, and a son who rebelled and sought David’s life.

B. Parents must train their children spiritually (Ephesians 6:4).

1. “If we cared for our shrubbery as we care for our children, we would soon be living in a jungle” (Luther Burbank).
2. A Bible school teacher asked her children to write a paragraph on “Religion in My Home;” one little boy wrote: “There ain’t any.”
3. Parents must teach their children God’s Word (Deut. 6:6-9; Ephesians 6:4).

Conclusion:

1. The nearest thing to Heaven on earth is a truly Christian home.
2. A Christian home begins with both parents as faithful Christians.

