

Sermon Notes

Concerns for the Family

#1 – “Men as Priests”

I. Introduction.

A. Messages to men in the past.

1. Ephesians 5:25-31

B. Today’s emphasis

1. Men as “priests”
2. Reasons for men to feel intimidated.
3. Yet, we are called priests.
 - a. I Peter 2:9
 - b. In view of the Exodus series, quite a declaration by Peter.

II. Key question.

A. What was man created to do?

1. Westminster Shorter Catechism Question #1.
 - a. How does glorification and enjoyment get done?

B. To answer the question, let’s focus upon Adam’s responsibility – Adam as a priest.

1. Genesis 1:24-31; Genesis 2:7-15

III. Adam and lineage as priest.

A. Adam as priest.

1. Genesis 2:15
 - a. Serving and guarding (keep it) – Num. 1:53; 3:7-10

B. The case study of Job

1. Background on the book.
2. Text: Job 1:1-5
3. Key observations.
 - a. Blameless and upright
 1. What you see is what you get.
 2. Romans 2:14-15
 - b. Feared God and turned away from evil.
 1. Note humanistic development of civilization.
 - a. Babel – Gen. 11:4
 - b. Cain’s lineage
 1. Genesis 4:16-17, 20-22
 2. Name cities after themselves; Dwell in tents; Lyre and pipe; Implements of Bronze

2. Contrast to descendants of Seth.

- a. Genesis 4:26; 5:22, 24; 6:9

c. Job’s qualities are listed even though he was a man of great wealth.

1. What is striking is how he handled his home.

d. He offered burnt offerings.

1. Not a Jew, yet, he knew to offer blood sacrifice.
2. Consecration or sanctify (KJV)

e. What was the nature of the adult children’s holidays?

1. Potential for unrighteousness goes up.

f. Sin begins in the heart.

1. Verse 1

g. He sent for his adult children.

1. Proactive

h. He did this continually.

1. A daily sense.

IV. Adam’s priesthood failed while the Second Adam succeeded.

A. Adam’s priesthood rooted in His own obedience.

1. Note Covenant of Works.

B. The Second Adam.

1. I Corinthians 15:45-49
2. This frees men to be priests.
 - a. I Corinthians 15:50-58
 - b. “Toil not in vain.”

C. Yet, there is toil.

1. Note Moses’ admonition:
 - a. Deut. 6:1-2, 6-9; 11:18-21; 32:46
 - b. Note how daughters are not mentioned. Why? because the men are responsible to fill the office of priest.
2. Paul’s remarks.
 - a. Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21.

V. Impediments to fulfilling God’s call.

- A. :”I do not want to do it.”
- B. “I don’t know how to do it.”
- C. “I don’t have time to do it.”
- D. “I am afraid to do it.”
- E. “I don’t know how to start.”
- F. “What if my effort leads to failure?”