

Concerns For the Family

#01: Men as Priests

Ephesians 5:25-31

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“²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, ²⁶ so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. ²⁸ So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; ²⁹ for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of His body. ³¹ FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.”

Their calling.

Their preparation.

Their clothing.

Their ordination.

Their ministry.

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q1: What is the chief end of man?

A2: Man's chief end is to glorify God,
and to enjoy him forever.

Genesis 2:15

“¹⁵ Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.”

Numbers 1:53

“⁵³ But the Levites shall camp around the tabernacle of the testimony, so that there will be no wrath on the congregation of the sons of Israel. So the Levites shall keep charge of the tabernacle of the testimony.”

Numbers 3:7-10

“⁷ They shall perform the duties for him and for the whole congregation before the tent of meeting, to do the service of the tabernacle. ⁸ They shall also keep all the furnishings of the tent of meeting, along with the duties of the sons of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle. ⁹ You shall thus give the Levites to Aaron and to his sons; they are wholly given to him from among the sons of Israel. ¹⁰ So you shall appoint Aaron and his sons that they may keep their priesthood, but the layman who comes near shall be put to death.”

Job 1:1-5

“¹ There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and that man was blameless, upright, fearing God and turning away from evil. ² Seven sons and three daughters were born to him. ³ His possessions also were 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 female donkeys, and very many servants; and that man was the greatest of all the men of the east. ⁴ His sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one on his day, and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. ⁵ When the days of feasting had completed their cycle, Job would send and consecrate them, rising up early in the morning and offering burnt offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said, ‘Perhaps my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts.’ Thus Job did continually.”

Blameless and Upright

Romans 2:14-15

“¹⁴ For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, ¹⁵ in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them.”

He feared God and turned away from evil.

Genesis 11:4

“⁴ They said, ‘Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.’”

Genesis 4:16-17, 20-22

“¹⁶ Then Cain went out from the presence of the Lord, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden. ¹⁷ Cain had relations with his wife and she conceived, and gave birth to Enoch; and he built a city, and called the name of the city Enoch, after the name of his son. ... ²⁰ Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. ²¹ His brother’s name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe. ²² As for Zillah, she also gave birth to Tubal-cain, the forger of all implements of bronze and iron; and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

Genesis 4:26

“²⁶ To Seth, to him also a son was born; and he called his name Enosh. Then men began to call upon the name of the Lord.”

Genesis 5:22, 24

“²² Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had other sons and daughters. . . . ²⁴ Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.”

Genesis 6:9b

“9b ...Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God.”

Blamelessness

Upright

Fearing God

Turning away from Evil

They are all noted in spite of his great wealth.

Men, your priesthood is affected by the
pursuits of blamelessness, upright,
fearing God and turning away from evil.

Men, your priesthood is affected
by your leading of your family to
God's altar.

**Men, your priesthood is affected
by how well you have learned to read
your children's and grandchildren's
heart.**

Men, your priesthood will be
affected by your being proactive
and not reactive.
Be out in front and lead.

Men, your priesthood will be
affected by lack of diligence.
Take them to the altar consistently!

Deuteronomy 6:1-2; 6-9

“¹ Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the judgments which the Lord your God has commanded me to teach you, that you might do them in the land where you are going over to possess it, ² so that you and your son and your grandson might fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.

“⁶ These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. ⁷ "You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

Deuteronomy 11:18-21

“¹⁸ You shall therefore impress these words of mine on your heart and on your soul; and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. ¹⁹ You shall teach them to your sons, talking of them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road and when you lie down and when you rise up. ²⁰ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, ²¹ so that your days and the days of your sons may be multiplied on the land which the Lord swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens remain above the earth.”

Deuteronomy 32:46

“⁴⁶ He said to them, ‘Take to your heart all the words with which I am warning you today, which you shall command your sons to observe carefully, even all the words of this law.’”

Ephesians 6:4

“⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

Colossians 3:21

“²¹ Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart.”

“I do not want to do it!”

“I don’t know how to do it.”

“I don’t have time to do it.”

“I am afraid to do it.”

“I don’t know how to start.”

“What if my effort leads to failure?”

**God is more concerned
with faithfulness than
successfulness.**