

Failure of the First Family

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In the western world today, instead of focusing on the fundamentals that strengthen and unite families, which in turn strengthen and unite communities, which in turn create strong and successful nations, we are being bombarded and distracted by hyperbole from naive and misinformed ideologues, including the tiresome labeling of “grown-ups” with terms such as “sexist”, “masochistic”, “homophobic”, “racist”, “climate denier” etc.

These fundamentals were known and practiced, to a large extent, in the generations that followed the Second World War. However, as western countries became more and more affluent, these same fundamentals were slowly eroded and now they are rarely part of mainstream discourse.

Sadly, if the most important “fundamental” continues to be ignored, it will prove to be the greatest existential threat to mankind’s continued survival. In other words, do not believe it when “so-called” authorities claim our greatest existential threat is climate change, or global warming. Instead, the truth is, we will destroy ourselves long before any “supposed effects” of climate change if we continue to ignore the “fundamental lesson” regarding Adam’s failure, as recorded in the book of Genesis.

Although a great deal of Adam’s story is cloaked in symbolic and figurative language, the basic lessons should be apparent. Because God created Adam first, Adam had a responsibility to assist anyone that God gave to him (cf. 1Tim. 2:13). The first ones given to Adam are described in the following manner:

Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and

brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field... (Gen. 2:19-20a; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise stated).

Adam could not have named anyone, or anything, unless he first learned how to speak, and this requires being taught a language. It appears from Genesis 2:10-14, that the first words Adam learned were the names of four rivers. So God taught Adam how to speak, and then Adam was expected to act on what he had been taught. This included expanding his vocabulary, and creating names for other “beings”. Parents today, because they are given authority over their children, choose names for their offspring. Parents then teach their children, either actively or passively, how to speak.

Next, Adam was given a woman who he was responsible for naming and then teaching; just as God had named and taught him.

*.... But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. ²¹And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²²Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. ²³And Adam said: ***“This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of man.”*** (Gen. 2:20b-23; emphasis added).*

So, the formation of this first family included Adam clearly understanding that the woman was partly composed of his own flesh. Therefore, he was to cherish and nourish her as he would his own body.

In other words, "don't do anything to her that you would not do to yourself". The apostle Paul said as much in the following section of scripture.

*Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and **gave himself for it** (Eph. 5:25; emphasis added).*

*So **husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies**; he who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹**For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church** (Eph. 5:28-29; emphasis added).*

We know from scripture that Adam did teach the woman about avoiding the metaphorical "tree of the knowledge of good and evil" because she stated as much when conversing with the personification of this tree, Satan.

And the woman said to the serpent (Satan, cf. Rev. 12:9), "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; ³but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die'" (Gen. 3:2-3; Ed. note in parenthesis).

However, it appears that Adam embellished what God commanded because the woman mentioned that they were not to touch this tree, even though that specific command was not mentioned to Adam in Genesis 2:17. Therefore, Adam did not teach the woman accurately. In fact, this misinformation was tantamount to "adding to God's law", which is forbidden.

You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take anything from it... (Dt. 4:2a; cf. Prov. 30:6).

This boils down to, "would Adam like to be misled?" Probably not. Therefore, why would he mislead the woman he was responsible for?

Having misled the woman, how could Adam expect her to trust him, including any other information he gave her in the future? In essence, what Adam said to the woman led her to believe that God was unreasonable, which is not the case. Satan then exploited this theme that God was unreasonable, which contributed to the woman committing sin, and sin is defined as breaking God's command (cf. 1Jn. 3:4). Therefore, she would die as confirmed in Romans 6:23a.

The second possible scenario is that the woman embellished what Adam had taught her, but he stood idly by while she committed sin when he should have intervened and protected her from certain death. God's law allows the one "responsible" to make "null and void" anything that a "subject party" does in ignorance or in error.

*If she vowed in her husband's house, or bound herself by an agreement with an oath, ¹¹and her husband heard it, and made no response to her and did not overrule her, then all her vows shall stand, and **every agreement by which she bound herself shall stand.** ¹²**But if her husband truly made them void on the day he heard them, then whatever proceeded from her lips concerning her vows or concerning the agreement binding her, it shall not stand; her husband has made them void, and the Lord will forgive her** (Nu. 30:10-12; emphasis added).*

Therefore, in either scenario, Adam failed to protect his wife. He might have taught her incorrectly, or just sat on the sidelines doing nothing while she placed herself in mortal danger. How does this lesson apply to families today? The answer is that husbands need to actively serve and protect their wives, and in turn their families. The family unit cannot be preserved if husbands only serve themselves, which is contrary to the example that Jesus Christ set. If

husbands can't do this properly, they certainly aren't going to succeed in serving and protecting their children. According to the American author, talk show host, and political commentator, Candace Owens, *"Father Absence is the Biggest Issue Facing Black America"*. For instance, children from fatherless homes are 5 times more likely to live in poverty and commit crime, 9 times more likely to drop out of school, and 20 times more likely to end up in prison. Again, God created the man first and placed responsibility upon him to teach and lead the family unit. An important part of this teaching and protecting includes explaining the real consequences for dumb, selfish, and immature decisions. Clearly, fathers are not taking the lead here because the number of unwed mothers has increased from 5% in 1960, to 18% in 1980, to 33% in 2000, and 41% in 2015. So the family is not just under assault, it is almost obsolete. In this latter condition, no nation can survive. In a New York Post article published September 24, 2020, the following was stated:

*Black Lives Matter scrubbed a page on its website this week that **disparaged the "Western-prescribed nuclear family structure"**, prompting a former NFL lineman to blast critics who accused him of previously misinterpreting the organization's incendiary message. The group, whose co-founder Patrisse Cullors has described herself and fellow co-founder Alicia Garza as "trained Marxists," removed a page titled "What We Believe" that included its public policy positions as well as describing itself as part of the "global Black family" - a change first reported Monday by the Washington Examiner (BLM site removes page on "nuclear family structure" amid NFL vet's criticism, by Joshua Rhett Miller; emphasis added).*

Obviously, God foreknew the importance of fathers would be attacked and derided, and this is why He had the history of the first family

recorded, with the hope that others could avoid the same mistakes and consequences that follow.

To make matters even worse, Adam's firstborn son, Cain, murdered his younger brother, Abel. Again, if Adam had been proactively involved with leading his family, God would not have intervened in an attempt to prevent Cain from making a fatal mistake. Sadly, it was too late because Cain had been brought up over many years without his selfish attitude being "corrected" by his father Adam.

So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it" (Gen. 4:6-7).

As Cain sinned and did not genuinely repent, he will be excluded from the first resurrection, while his dead brother Abel will be resurrected upon Christ's return because his deeds were "righteous" (Gen. 4:34 cf. Ps. 119:172b).

*...that on you (religious leaders) may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, **from the blood of righteous Abel** to the blood of Zechariah... (Mt. 23:35a; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

In reality, absentee fathers are culpable when their children drop out of school, and/or commit crime. By their absence and/or lack of interaction, these fathers are provoking their children to various forms of anger that harm themselves and others.

*And you, **fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath**, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord (Eph. 6:4; emphasis added).*

*Fathers, do not provoke your children, **lest they become discouraged*** (Col. 3:21; emphasis added).

In this current era, it is easier for men to recklessly impregnate women, and then leave them for the government to foster through various welfare programs. This action by “dead beat dads” is no different than Adam’s abdication of his responsibility to the woman that God created for him. This explains why God’s punishment fit the crime. Specifically, Adam could no longer live a life of ease and luxury. Now, he would have to work very hard just to keep food on the table and a roof over his head.

"Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. ¹⁸Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. ¹⁹In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return"(Gen. 3:17b-19).

Upon the return of Jesus Christ to this planet, all of man’s institutions will be dismantled, including government programs that use tax payers’ money to fund families left behind by “dead beat dads”. Instead, delinquent fathers will have to provide for their families per God’s law.

*If a man finds a young woman who is a virgin, who is not betrothed, and seizes her and lies with her, and they are found out, ²⁹then the man who lay with her shall give to the young woman’s father fifty shekels of silver, and **she shall be his wife because he has humbled her; he shall not be permitted to divorce her all his days*** (Dt. 22:28; emphasis added).

Unfortunately today, many governments make it easy for fathers to abdicate their God-given responsibility, but it’s always at the expense of

someone else. This includes a huge psychological cost to the innocent children born without a father in the house, and their mothers. It is also a financial burden on the citizens of the country because they end up “paying the tab” for the reckless behavior of these self-indulgent men.

So the first family was a failure because Adam did not fulfill his responsibility, which in turn required someone else to “pay the tab” for his selfish, rebellious, and reckless behavior. That individual is Jesus Christ.

And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam (Christ) became a life-giving spirit (through his shed blood; cf. Heb. 9:22-28) (1Cor. 15:45; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Therefore, the old adage is true, “there is nothing free; someone has to pay for it.” This includes inheriting everlasting life, because it is not automatically given to everyone regardless of their conduct.

*So he (Christ) said to him (rich young ruler), "Why do you call me good? No one is good but One, that is, God (Almighty). But **if you want to enter into (everlasting) life, keep the commandments*** (Mt. 19:17; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Christ’s willingness to lay down his life, so that repentant sinners can be forgiven and restored in their relationship with Almighty God, is the only way that Adam’s sin and the sins of all who have followed his bad example, can be forgiven (cf. Ac. 2:38). Without forgiveness, everyone’s sins are still in effect, which means that “everlasting death” is all that mankind can look forward to. In other words, no one “floats off the heaven” when they die. They remain dead until either the first or second resurrection (Jn. 5:28-29; cf. Rev. 20:4-6).

In summary, because Adam failed his family, and mankind has continued in Adam's footsteps to varying degrees, we are at the point now where it is highly unlikely that fathers will continue to take up their God-given responsibility of leading, protecting, providing, and teaching their families. God states that if this trend is not reversed, it will eventually lead to the utter destruction of this planet.

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord (from Christ's return to the end of this one thousand year period; cf. Rev. 20:1-15). *And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, **lest I come and strike the earth with a curse*** (SHD 2764; **utter destruction**).

This means that Elijah will be resurrected at Christ's return, and one of his main responsibilities will be "teaching men how to be men", and leading their families correctly will be central to this education; thus avoiding utter destruction at the end of Christ's one-thousand-year reign over this planet. Fathers at this future time will do exactly what Abraham did, and it will be the panacea for peace on earth.

*For I (God) have known him (Abraham), in order that **he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice...*** (Gen. 18:19a; Ed. note in parentheses; emphasis added).

When God said that Abraham would teach his children and grandchildren about "righteousness", God meant that Abraham would teach these young people about His law and commandments.

.... **For all Your commandments are righteousness** (Ps. 119:172b; emphasis added).

So just as Jesus Christ has always taught his human servants about the importance of obeying God's every word (Mt. 4:4; cf, Heb 13:8); so fathers during Christ's millennial rule on earth will be doing the same. However, it is never too late for fathers to start doing this now because it will be invaluable to their children, despite the lawlessness that is abounding all around us today (Mt. 24:12; cf. 2Tim. 3:1-5).

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it (Prov. 22:6).

It's tragic that when a country is so close to being morally bankrupt that its leaders believe it is more important to shovel garbage like "critical race theory" into the minds of impressionable children, rather than teaching God's values as summarized in His law and commandments. If God's law and commandments were the foundation of education in America, crime would not be at an all-time high and the nuclear family would be "the gold standard" for the nation.

If it gets to the point where families are completely torn apart, this planet will no longer survive and the blame will be laid at the feet of fathers, and the governments that created programs and laws allowing fathers to abdicate their God-given responsibility. When mankind finally wakes up to how misled they have been, they will "put two and two together" and realize that the greatest existential threat to man's survival was the breakdown of the family unit, and the removal of the father as it's God-ordained leader.

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