

Father's Day 2023

June 18, 2023

I. Introduction

- A. Why did the Lord give the world's toughest job (parenting) to amateurs?
- B. My proposal: The single best thing we can do to save our country is to practice and preach biblical manhood.
- C. I realize that I am preaching to the choir. My prayer is when the choir sings, they will be heard from one end of St. Joseph to the other!
- D. Some definitions
 - 1. Father: A man who has begotten a child
 - 2. Father's Day: The third Sunday of June appointed for the honoring of fathers.
 - 3. First and last time "father" is found in the Bible
 - a. Genesis 2:24
 - b. Revelation 14:1

II. Biblical Absolutes and Facts

- A. It is all about Him: God
 - 1. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." – Genesis 1:1
 - 2. "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen." – Revelation 22:21
- B. God created, spoke into existence all things until He got to man (Genesis 2:7) and woman (Genesis 2:21)
- C. Marriage: "The institution whereby men and women are joined in a special kind of social and legal dependence for the purpose of founding and maintaining a family." – Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary
- D. God placed man and woman over His creation – Genesis 1:28

III. Biblical Marriage and Family – Genesis 2:24

- A. Who: one man and one woman. This is protected by the seventh commandment.
- B. How:
 - 1. By leaving father and mother

- 2. By being joined to his wife, literally glued. This speaks of commitment

- 3. By being joined together

C. Result

- 1. One flesh: This results in procreation – babies
 - a. Genesis 4:1
- 2. Jesus put it this way: Mark 10:7-9

IV. Biblical Manhood

A. The Bible teaches

- 1. That the genders are equal in value but different in roles
- 2. There are things men can do that women cannot
- 3. There are things that men can do better than women
- 4. That fathers and mothers are to be honored – Exodus 20:12

V. Suggestions from An Old Father (Me)

- A. Pray! A prayerless person has declared his Declaration of Independence from God. Prayer declares my dependence on God. Prayer is not inaction; it is our greatest action.
- B. Be holy. Be a clean vessel for your Father's glory and use.
 - 1. II Timothy 2:20-23; I Corinthians 11:28-31
- C. Spend time with them:
 - 1. Play with them
 - 2. Work with them
 - 3. Read-educate with them
- D. Talk with them. Write them. Send Cards. Call Them.
- E. Model truth
 - 1. How do you handle praise, criticism, discouragement
 - 2. Love their mother
- F. Teaching God's Word
 - 1. II Timothy 3:10-17