

TAKING TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN

Deuteronomy 6:1-12

INTRODUCTION: In many of our public schools today there is a deliberate attempt to turn our children away from faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is our responsibility as Christian parents to instruct our children in the faith of Jesus Christ. Malachi 2:15-16; Ephesians 6:4.

I. MOMENTS OF OPPORTUNITY!

We must redeem the moments of opportunity we have in order for the blessings to be and to remain in our families. The world around us is trying to take our children's hearts away from our Lord: Romans 12:1-2. Our children must be taught from the very earliest part of their lives to know about our Savior. Our lives pass quickly and we must act now: Psalm 90:9-10; Deuteronomy 6:1-9. How we need the help of heaven in our homes.

II. THE PENTATEUCH

The Book of Deuteronomy is the fifth book of the part of the Old Testament called the Pentateuch. "Penta" means "five". "Teudah" means "testimony." In these books of the Bible God makes it clear He expects us as believing parents to pass the truths we learn there to our children! Genesis 1:1-2 is being taught in our public schools to be a lie! Genesis 1:24-25: Each according to its kind is being taught is a lie! Genesis 1:26-28 That God made male and female is also being taught is a lie to our children! God taught truth and today our children are told there is no truth and no right and wrong: Genesis 2:15-16; Genesis 5:7-10; Genesis 6:11-14: Once again our children are being taught there never was a world-wide flood.

III. WE ARE TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN THE TRUTHS OF GOD'S WORD!

In the Old Testament there were many gods and the nation of Israel was told to teach their children that there is truly only one true God and only He is to be worshiped. Today we also live in a world of many gods and our children are being told that all the man-made gods and the only true God are exactly the same. Even though Aaron made the Golden Calf and led the people of Israel to worship it as Jehovah did not make it Jehovah: Exodus 32:1-6. What did God say about that? Exodus 32:7-9. Allah is not the God of the Bible nor are the gods of the Hindu religion the true God. Buddha is not the true God. Do your children know that they are not to worship idols?

IV. THERE IS ONLY ONE LORD GOD!

Deuteronomy 6:1-4: Is it any wonder things did not usually go well for the nation of Israel? Since the way to have things go well for them was to hear and obey the Word of the Lord! The exact same thing is true for us and for our children and will be true for their children: James 1:22-25. Is it any wonder why our nation is so messed up today? Moses thundered the same teaching for his day: Deuteronomy 6:4-7. When our Lord Jesus was asked what is the greatest commandment in the Law He said: Matthew 22:36-40.

V. GET IT INTO THE HEART AND TEACH IT TO YOUR CHILDREN!

We as Christian parents must make the most of the few years we are entrusted with teaching our children the truths given to us for our children's benefit! Deuteronomy 6:6-9. Children learn 80 % of all they will ever know by age five! Are family devotions and Sunday school important? These are precious fast flying years that must not be wasted: Ephesians 5:15-17. The Lord instituted marriage for one very clear reason: Malachi 2:13-16; Ephesians 6:4; Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Psalm 4:8; Proverbs 1:7.