

## SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY LESSON

### "FATHERHOOD THE WAY GOD INTENDS IT" (JER.29:5-7)

SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2021

Text: Jer.29:5-7 reads, "Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them; take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there and not diminished. And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace."

Today, June 20, is "Father's Day. This Scripture teaches five characteristics of "Fatherhood The Way God Intends It".

#### **The first characteristic of "Fatherhood The Way God Intends It" is:**

**A Father Must Be A Provider. (Read Jer.29:5)** Provide accommodation for your family. Provide a means of getting food for your family. This means that you need to take your education seriously as you grow up. Do not neglect your Zoom Educational Meetings. Do not neglect your Class Work. Do not neglect your Home Work. Do not neglect your Group Project. The higher the education that you achieve, the greater the prospect becomes for employment. You will not be at home with your parents all the days of your life. One day you will have to look after yourself. Therefore take your education seriously. When the time comes for looking for employment, it will not be as difficult if you have been well educated. Begin to work before you start a family. How can you look after a family, if you do not have an income? Do not look to a woman to look after you. The man is appointed by God to be the primary provider for all of his family's needs.

#### **The second characteristic of "Fatherhood The Way God Intends It" is:**

**A Man Must Become A Father Only After He Has Married A Woman. (Read Jer.29:6a)** Notice that "Take ye wives" comes BEFORE "beget sons and daughters". God instituted marriage between a man and a woman so that they may become "one flesh" and reproduce children. Sex outside of marriage is unlawful sex in God's sight. In addition to this, to have a stable family, in which the children are loved and taken care of, there must be a committed life-long

relationship between a husband and his wife. If there is not true loyalty towards one another, and the husband is unfaithful to his wife, and he goes to another woman or to other women to have sex, and reproduce outside children, this is another sexual sin in God's sight, and it will cause the man to work harder to support these different women and their children.

**The third characteristic of "Fatherhood The Way God Intends It" is:**

**The Father Says "No" To Abortion. (See Jer.29:6a)** Notice that the purpose of sex in marriage is reproduction of children. Notice also in this same verse, it reads: "that ye may be increased there, and not diminished". God intended sex to result in reproduction, and He intended reproduction to result in an increase in the size of the family—not a decrease. There is no room in God's plan for Fatherhood for decreasing the size of one's family through abortion. I call upon the Fathers all over the world to say "No" to abortion. Say "No" to abortion to your governments. Say "No" to abortion to your courts. Say "No" to abortion to abortion lobby groups. Say "No" to abortion to the European Union's Proposed Treaty with countries in the Pacific, Africa and the Caribbean. Between April and December of 2021, the European Union wants these countries to sign a treaty with them in which they will receive financial assistance if they will legalize abortion. Say "No" to abortion to the United Nations. They are pressuring governments in 193 nation-states to legalize abortion, and to remove all restrictions, and to financially take care of abortion costs for women with tax-payers' money. A real Father says "No" to abortion.

**The fourth characteristic of "Fatherhood The Way God Intends It" is:**

**Facilitate Your Sons And Daughters Getting Married To The Right Person. (Read Jer.29:6b)** It is not easy for sons to find the right wives nor for daughters to find the right husbands. Fathers, pray to God to help your sons and daughters at the age of adulthood, to find the right person, who is God-fearing, a Bible-believer, one who sincerely wants to obey God, who will apply Biblical Teachings to the marriage relationship so that the marriage relationship will be happy and last for a life-time. If Fathers do not help their sons and daughters to find suitable marriage partners, there is a great likelihood that sons may marry women, who may be like Jezebel, in causing him to go astray from God, or that daughters may marry men, who may be like Ahab, who had forsaken God and His Law, and had

followed Baal, and led Israel into the worship of Baal. Be like the Patriarchs, Abraham and Isaac, who helped their sons to find godly women to marry, and to avoid ungodly women.

**The fifth characteristic of “Fatherhood The Way God Intends It” is:**

**Be A Spiritual Leader. (Read Jer.29:7)** Note: “Seek the peace of the city” and “pray unto the LORD for it”. You can only take this initiative if you know God and the Holy Scriptures. Therefore you need to take time to know God through prayer and reading and meditating on the Holy Scriptures. (Read Matt.21:21-22; Matt.17:20; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim.3:15-17) You need to know God by becoming a Christian. (Read Jn.17:3) You need to know God by worshipping Him with other Christians in Spirit and in Truth. (Read Jn.4:23-24) You need to train your children to know God also. (Read Deut.6:4-9; Eph.6:4) Set a good example for your children to follow. (Read 1<sup>st</sup> Cor.11:1) Influence the society to seek God, find Him and know Him. (Read Acts 17:26-27; Ecclesiastes 12:1,13-14) Influence the government of your country to make laws that are in harmony with the Law of God in the Holy Scriptures. (Read Rom.13:1-4; compare Dan.4:25)

Therefore today, “Father’s Day”, I am calling on all fathers and prospective fathers to have the characteristics of “Fatherhood The Way God Intends It”, based on Jer.29:5-7. **Firstly, be the primary Provider. (Jer.29:5) Secondly, get married FIRST before engaging in sex. (Jer.29:6a) Thirdly, say “No” to abortion. (Jer.29:6a) Fourthly, help your children, when they are adults, to find suitable marriage partners. (Jer.29:6b) Fifthly, be a Spiritual Leader. (Jer.29:7)**

The way to begin to be the Father, whom God intends you to be, is that you need to become a Christian by: (1) believing in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, and the only Saviour of the world (Jn.3:16); (2) repenting of your sins and returning to God (Acts 3:19); (3) confessing Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, or the Lord (Rom.10:9-10); (4) being baptized into Jesus Christ (Acts 22:16); and (5) being faithful to Christ unto the end (Rev.2:10).

If you had once followed Jesus Christ, but you have turned away from Him to serve Satan, you need to become the Father, whom God intends you to be by: (1) repenting of your sins and returning to God (Acts 8:22); (2) confessing your sins (1<sup>st</sup> Jn.1:9); (3) asking God for forgiveness (Acts 8:22); and (4) being faithful to Christ unto the end (Rev.2:10)