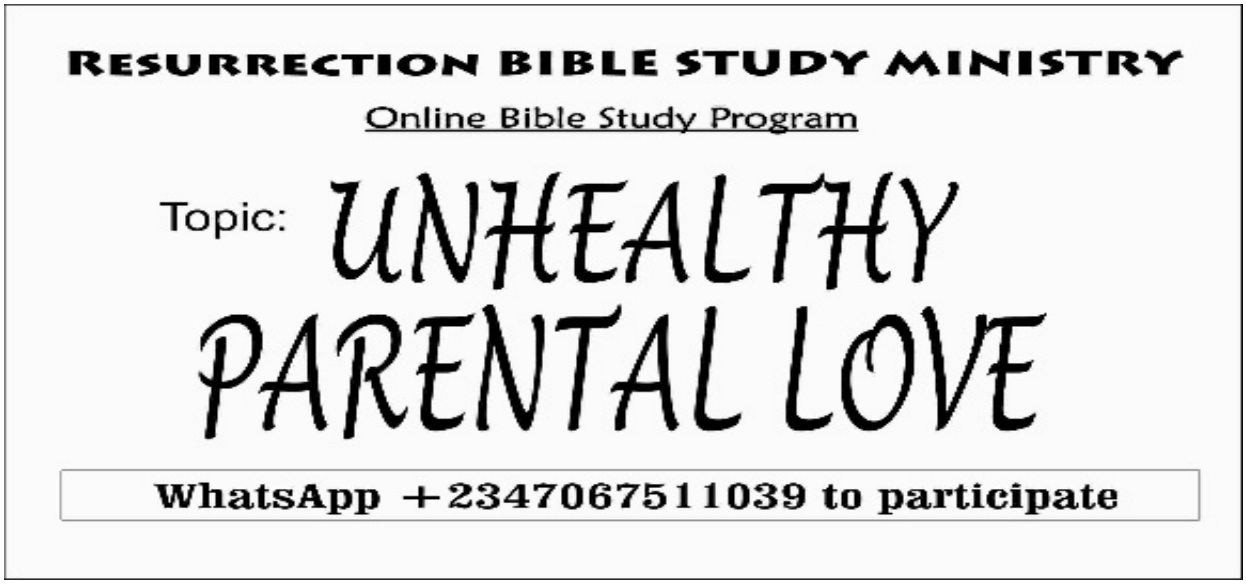


Topic:

UNHEALTHY PARENTAL LOVE

Bible Text: Proverbs 13:24

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Our father in heaven hallowed be thy name. We bless your name for yet another great day and moment in your presence. Minister to us through your Holy spirit. May our speaker today be anointed from on high in Christ name we pray. Amen.

I welcome everyone in the name of the Lord, I would like to say one or two things before we commence tonight's study, it is that, I want to encourage us to try as much as possible to align ourselves in according with God's word. It would not be good enough to be in this group and having heard messages such as these, and still miss heaven just because of our negligence and carelessness.

I believe that at this stage we all know that making heaven is a very serious business, it requires total submission and obedience to the will of Christ. It is not what is convenient for us that now matters but what we have to do to please Christ. Because our rewards in heaven will be great only if we endure to the end. This is a word for someone here tonight, that "do not get tired, do not be weary, do not lose hope, what you are passing through because of Christ, it is for a season, though sorrow may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning." Just make sure that you do away with sin as much as Christ

helps you.

Tonight's topic is a very sensitive one, as such I would plead with everyone of us to pay attention as much as we can, so that we can understand what the Lord is about to tell us. This is a message for everybody not the married alone, because the Lord is set to make us know and understand some things which is able to change our lives as regards to our eternity too. I believe we all know who a parent is, but for better understanding, a parent is a person who is a father or mother or a person who has a child. This simply means that what qualifies any man under the earth to be a parent is the ability to father or mother a child. It will be a great error to claim that you are a parent when you do not have a child (now speaking physically)

This further explains that a barren couple cannot claim to be a parent yet until there is a seed that comes forth from their union. It is when this seed(child) comes that we can then refer to them as parents, same with the title father and mother, have you ever seen a person calling himself a father without any child. Although, we have children that are overseen spiritually, but at the sametime we cannot refer to these fathers as our spiritual fathers, because that title only belongs to God. But tonight we will dwell more on biological parents, not spiritual ones

Is someone still with me?

What is love in a simple definition? it is a feeling of strong or constant affection for a person. Although there are many definitions of love but this is the definition that concerns this study. As we have said that there cannot be a parent without a child that is why we have to know too that the process of giving birth to that child is a thing that required painful efforts from both parties, until the child is born, that is why there is nobody that gives birth and does not love the child except the parent is possessed. How do we know this, even animals love their young ones and take care of them, we know that it would be totally disastrous to see a dog that just gave birth and you as a stranger goes to carry her puppy. I'm sure we know that the dog won't laugh with such person.

This is just how it is with other animals, they do not joke with their loved ones, that is how humans are too and as biologists would tell us, they said we are higher animals. Whatever thing they say about this is irrelevant to what God is saying about us, what God is saying is that we are created in His likeness and we are good. That is why I use to say that there is no ugly person, it only depends on what the beholder can see. Because beauty is in the eyes of the beholder. So as not to digress, these background is needed for better understanding.

But after this child is given birth to, what does the bible say about his up bringing, what

are the things expected to do as a parent? Let's look into the book of

Proverbs 13:24 KJV *He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.*

What does the bible say? *He that spareth his rod hateth his son:* I believe that we all know what a rod is. It can also be called a cane or a whip, the scripures is telling someone here tonight that why you have refused to flog that your child whenever he does something bad is because you hate him/her.

Some might be wondering that why would they flog whom they love. And this is where the problem in this world started from, "*The Family*" do you know how? There is no wayward child, no smoker, no prostitute, no robber, no kidnapper, no body that rapes etc, that does not come from a family, and most of what caused all these is the lack of the parents seriousness in correcting their children. It is many families that makes up a community then to a nation, that is why if any change must happen in a country, it must start from the family which is the first agent of socialization, that is when change can be effective in a whole nation. That is the more reason Satan attacks the family more, and especially godly people who want to get married.

Have you ever wondered why there has been many problems in your relationship, even after you have prayed and convinced that that brother/sister is the right person for you, it is because the devil knows that if you both get married, you would raise up godly children, and if this happens in many homes the society automatically becomes godly. But many parents are negligent to the point of thinking their children will grow up to know and do what is right by themselves which is not true. If truly you love your children you'd flog them when neccesary, it is hatred for them that will make you spare the rod and use your hands to rub their heads for doing what is bad.

Your child comes back home from school with someone else's pencil and you said at least you won't have to buy pencil for him again because he has seen the one he'd be using, that is stealing, it means that you are encouraging him to steal and he'd grow up to think that taking other people's things is right, and from there he would graduate into being a robber who robs bank. This reminds me of a man who was caught for robbery and he was sentenced to be fired to death. On the day he was to be shot to death, he requested that his mother be called to him that he wants to tell her something secretive in her ear, so she brought her ear close to his mouth and he bite her ear so hard that it almost cut off, it was those close by that delivered her for she was in serious pain. He said that it was his mother that made him end up at where he is currently, that those

days while he was young whenever he took what does not belong to him, she would not correct him but just rub her hands on his head that he did not know that what he was doing is wrong. Assuming he was well corrected when he was young he wouldn't have ended up that way, he was killed at last.

You have to understand something tonight that it is what you imbibe in your children right from the day they were born that they would grow up into. Many parents are the cause of their children's wayward way of life, there are somethings that are not meant to be done in the presence of a child no matter the situation, a lot of mothers would undress in the presence of their one year old children, therefore exposing such children to nudity right from such a tender age claiming they do not know anything, now the child is used to seeing his/her parents nakedness. Don't you know that it is a grave sin for child to see his/her parents nakedness?

Genesis 9:22,24-25 KJV *And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without. [24] And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. [25] And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren*. Some parents do copulate in the presence of their little children, this is very very bad. I want every parent here tonight to understand something important that for every child the Lord gives/gave you, you will give account, so what account would you give on that dreadful day, please ask yourself? Is it the account that you told him/her but they did not listen to you or you tried your best yet they went wayward?

Hear what the scriptures says in **Proverbs 22:6.** *Train up a child in the way he should go [teaching him to seek God's wisdom and will for his abilities and talents], Even when he is old he will not depart from it.* Are you training your child?, haven't you withhold the hand of correction from him because he/she is your only child? Please be aware that a child that is not chastised when young will grow up to be the heartache of his parent. Many parents have missed it and have turned their only child to a spoilt brat (please permit me to use that adjective) some children are so spoilt to the extent that they are not even useful to themselves not to talk of their parents or the society.

For the scriptures to have said that the child will not depart from it, it means that such child if well trained will not depart from it. Therefore how well are you training your children? I know that training children might be a bit challenging especially as young couples, but unrelenting efforts coupled with prayers for them will really go a long way. *...but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.* He that loves him does what? Chastises, now ask yourself tonight, do you love your children, how much do you correct them? This study does not in anyway support that you beat them for every little things

they do, but for you not to beat a child at all is an error. And this error has been made by many, especially the well to do families, where the househelp is there to do everything, every chores at home has been placed on the head of the house help, all in a bid to make life comfortable for the children, and the children do not even know how to cook, sweep, mop, tidy up, and others just because there is an househelp to do it, the parents now make these children so dependent on the house help for everything at home.

This is very bad, such children only grow up to think that life is easy, and that there is no need to struggle for anything since daddy and mummy is there, because you give them **all** what they want, not what they need. It is tragic to give a child everything they ask for, because they will grow to think that everything in the world is at their reach. In the light of this, if you have a girl child who does not know how to cook, even a male child, at their teens then you have not really done well. Home chores are to be divided among the children without cheating or preference. Train them.

There are some parents who do go to school to fight with the teachers of their kids because they were flogged, Kai!! I weep for such parents, how would a godly parent go to insult a teacher for correcting his or her children.

Is that supposed to be?

There is story of a particular boy, who loves throwing stones at passerby as they pass along the road, then a day came, when someone was passing, the boy threw stone at the passerby then the man said that he should come and take money. The boy went there and collected the money and left happily because the man said that he is still a small boy. And does not know that it is bad to throw stones at people So, it was not long after that incident that the boy continued to throw stones at passerbys, until he throw stones at another man. So the man called him and told told him to come and collect money

So the boy went to meet the man happily because it is already registered in his consciousness that whenever he throws stones at people they would give him money. Then the man deceived him to follow him to his house so that he can get money for him from his room. So the boy followed the man home, that was how the man entered his room and brought out a good whip and flogged the boy mercilessly telling him that it is bad to throw stones at people. This made the boy know that throwing stones at people is a bad thing. He realized his errors that day.

What has your children been doing that can tamper with their future and you have been keeping quiet about, Please know that those who do not train their children in a godly way will face God's judgement. Don't over pamper your children. This is where I would

stop for tonight because of our time.

Thanks for your time

Closing Prayer

Dear Father of love with thank you for tonight, we bless you for your word, we say that you'd help us to raise godly children for you so that your name alone would be glorified in Jesus name. Amen

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