

# Raising Christian Kids in a Post Christian America

## Mother's Day Service

4"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

20"When your son asks you in time to come, 'What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the Lord our God has commanded you?' 21then you shall say to your son, 'We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. 22And the Lord showed signs and wonders, great and grievous, against Egypt and against Pharaoh and all his household, before our eyes.

23And he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in and give us the land that he swore to give to our fathers. 24And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day. 25And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us.'

1. History has lot of stories of parents who raised kids in a hostile spiritual environment which grew up to become God honoring adults.
2. Chances are very good that Christianity in this world will outlive us all. Jesus started something eternal.

### How Can Old Testament Teachings Help Us Now?

3. Understanding Symbolism or Types
  - A. Egypt as a type of life in sin
  - B. Pharaoh as Satan an oppressive ruler
  - C. Moses as a type of Christ
  - D. Miraculous delivery of Israel as salvation
  - E. Wilderness as representative of life in this world
  - F. Promised Land as a type of Heaven
  - G. Life in the wilderness as a symbol of discipleship
4. The greatest conversion tool you can use in helping your children is example. There is no substitute for this.
5. The greatest reason Christianity is in decline today is that the previous generation or two has equated knowing things about the Bible as synonymous with belief.

6. Faith is always connected to behavior. It must be a head and heart conversion.
7. As the Barna research team discovered, "faith-oriented self descriptions are only skin deep."
8. We, human beings, live from the heart out. Habits shape our heart.
9. Teach them to your children.
10. When you love God with all your heart and his words are in your heart, God will get talked about often in your home.
11. Your position as parents in your kids lives along with a relationship and thorough knowledge of God make for a winning combination. Use them both.
12. Share your salvation story often. Vs 20-25
13. Tell your kids what God has done for you, personally.  
"we were slaves but God brought us out..."
14. God has promised to help you if you live out these principles.