

The Family

INTRODUCTION

THE FAMILY

The family is the germ cell of civilization and we are witnessing the death of the family. The newspapers reveal the evidence before us all the time; divorce, sexual revolution, abortion, homosexuality, woman's liberation, children's rights and rebellion.

The family is under a major assault; we are seeing a generation rise up with no social and moral values at all.

Teaching our children to obey their parents is more than a matter of merely practical wisdom. It is a bedrock moral principle.

It is given a place of importance amongst the ten commandments and then emphasized repeatedly throughout the Bible.

The child's duty to obey and the parents' duty to teach obedience certainly deserve our attention.

Parents to train and teach children consistently and by example

Deut. 6 : 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Deut. 4 : 10 Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children.

Proverbs 22 : 6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Obedience and Honour essential from the child

Ephesians 6 : 1 "Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right."

Exodus 20 : 12 "Honour your father and your mother that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you."

Deut 21 : 18 - 21 "If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and that, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them,

Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place.

And they shall say unto the elders of his city, this our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice, he is a glutton, and a drunkard.

And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

Honouring them with our words

Exodus 21 : 17 “And he that curseth his father or his mother, shall surely be put to death.”

Leviticus 20 : 9 “For every one that curseth his father or his mother, shall be surely put to death, he hath cursed his father or mother, his blood shall be upon him.”

Proverbs 30 : 11 “There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.”

Showing them respect in every way

Leviticus 19 : 3 “Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father and keep my Sabbaths, I am the Lord your God.”

Even with our facial expressions

Proverbs 30 : 17 “The eye that mocketh at his father and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.”

Hearkening to their council

Proverbs 23 : 22 - 25 “Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.”

“Buy the truth, and sell it not, also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding. The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice, and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.”

“Thy father and thy mother shall be glad and she that bare thee shall rejoice.”

And not treating them lightly in any sense

Deut 27 : 16 “Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother: and all the people shall say, Amen.”

The child who concentrates on obeying mother and father will through that obedience learn to obey all the rest of God’s principles. In other words, the parents first duty is to teach their children to obey them and then transfer that same obedience to God.

Profiting from the Promise

Ephesians 6 : 3 “THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH THEE, AND THOU MAYEST LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH”

This is the only commandment that is accompanied by a promised blessing to those who obey.

Because it is the key to all human relationships, it is so vital that God Himself underscored it by the inclusion of this promise.

There are two aspects to the promise “That it may be well with you” that promises QUALITY OF LIFE ; “and you may live long on the earth” that promises QUANTITY OF LIFE

Those who honour their parents tend to live fuller, longer lives than those who grow up DEFIANT.

Some who obey and honour their parents do die at a young age. But with all exceptions to the rule, it is certainly true that obedience results in a longer more happier life; and a defiant attitude always causes misery and often causes people to die before their time.

In other words submission to parents is in the child’s own best interest.

It is not only right in God’s eyes, it is also best for the child.

Obedience will keep the child from a world of harm; a right attitude of submission and respect will save him from a lifetime of bitterness, anger and resentment.

It will prolong life and it will surely make the years of anyone’s life fuller and richer.

Trusting that these scriptures, as well as the quotations taken from the sermons preached by Br. William Branham will be a blessing to you.

Your Brother in Christ

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THE FAMILY

1. LOVE AND UNITY OF THE FAMILY

EXISTS WITH HIS FAMILY

But in Genesis 2, when He made man, He said, "I am Y-a-h-u, J-u-v-u-h. Yahu, Jehovah. What did it mean? "I am the all-existence One Who has created something off of Myself, to be a son of Mine, or a temporary, or an amateur, little one of Mine." Glory! Why? He gave man... Jehovah means that He gave man to be an amateur god.

Because He is Father, God, and He made a man an amateur god, so He isn't self-existence anymore, He exists with His family. Elah, Elah, Elohim. Now, now He is Jehovah. Jehovah meaning the "One Who exists with His family." Now, God made man to be the predominate over all the earth, he had dominion. And the earth was man's dominion. Is that Scripture? Then if that's his domain, he was god over the earth. He could speak, and it would be so. He could speak this, and it would be so. There He is, God, Jehovah, the One Who once existed in self-existence, but now exists with His family, and His little ones with Him. There you are.

E PHESIANS.PARALLELS.JOSHUA

GOD'S PURPOSE - ONE WITH HIS FAMILY

That's God's purpose. And His purpose as Father, supreme, was to be one with His family, earthly family, Adam and Eve. ***And the only way that they could be one with the family, or with God, was because God's nature was in them. So that made them with God's nature in them, then with each other and God, they become all one. Isn't that a beautiful picture, God in His family, Father over all, supreme!*** No death, no sorrow, no heartaches, no nothing; just joy unspeakable; never to be sick, never to have a heartache, just one with God! What a picture! Because, the very nature of God was in these people. And therefore, what they did, they followed just in line with God, and God with them made them one.

ONENESS-- 62-0211

MASTERPIECE - A FAMILY OF ONENESS

Notice. The great masterpiece of the family. ***The husband and wife cannot be truly a family unless they are one. They have to be. If they're not, they're not a good family-- wife pulling one way and the husband another. That'll make an awful family. But in agreement, with love one to the other, that's a family.*** And now, that was God's masterpiece; and all the true family here portrays that. See? And now the masterpiece family has come again--Christ and His Bride ready to come. The Second Adam, Second Eve, ready now to return back to their home. And the whole picture has been redemption, from where it was, bringing it back. See? Just exactly. Bringing it back again.

THE.MASTERPIECE-- 64-0705

TAKES GRACE TO KEEP THAT FAMILY TOGETHER

Just like a husband taking a wife, and saying, "If you'll be a good woman, if you'll take care of the house, if you'll be true to me, if you'll keep my clothes clean; if we have children, if you'll be a mother to them; if you'll do things, I will work till my hands bleed, to make you a living, if you'll do it." But then, think, what if that woman turns wrong, lives lazy, won't work, won't do nothing? ***Then it takes grace to keep that family together.***

THE .MESSAGE .OF GRACE-- 61-0827

UNBELIEF AND FAITH MIX - BAD HOME - NO UNITY

Ahaziah was--was the son of Ahab, had been brought up in the kind of a home that--that was a--a lukewarm home. It wasn't altogether Christian. His mother was a heathen. ***And his father had married out of fellowship, married a woman that was not a believer. And that always makes a bad home for any kid to be raised in, that when unbelief and faith tries to mix together.***

And, now, if the father would have been a real strong man in his faith, the child might have had a better opportunity, but he--he didn't. He didn't have. He knew that there was God. He knew that there was a Jehovah. And then he... his mother's gods, and so forth. He was all confused. Then after the death of his father, this boy in this condition, kind of a mixed up, one way and another. ***And if that ain't a picture of the lands today! One in the family is this a way, and one another, and one going this way and one going that way. No wonder we are producing so much juvenile delinquency,*** and all other kinds of stuff, under the name of Christianity. It's because there is no unity. There is no real call out, and stand for God.

WHY?-- 63-0626

DESIRED IN LOVE A FAMILY OF HIS OWN

Herein is now set forth the love of God. He desired in love a family of His own, a family of sons--sons like Himself. There before Him lies all mankind as ONE lump of clay. Out of that same lump He will now make vessels unto honour and unto dishonour. The CHOOSING will be His own choosing. Then those chosen ones, born of His Spirit will be trained to conform to His image in their walk. He REPROVES with all long-suffering and gentleness and mercy. He CHASTENS with nail scarred hands. Sometimes this Potter must take the vessel He is working on and thoroughly break it down in order that He may rebuild it exactly as He desires it. BUT IT IS LOVE. THAT IS HIS LOVE. ANOTHER WAY OF HIS LOVE THERE IS NOT. THERE CANNOT BE ..

LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE

LOVE UNITES A FAMILY

You couldn't love nothing that wasn't of your own nature. ***Loving has to unite with love. A husband and wife has to love one another, if they ever make the grade.*** Family has to love one another, if they ever make the grade. Something to be loved! You search everywhere, finding a girl to be your wife that you love. She searches, finding a husband that she could love

THE.CHURCH.AND.ITS.CONDITION-- 56-0805

REAL FAMILY LOVE NOT EXIST ANYMORE

They go to church on Sunday morning for their religion for about twenty minutes. Since the pastor takes about thirty minutes, he's called on the board. What is it? Home life is running out.

It used to be that father and mother loved, and honoured, and cherished one another. And when she was old, and gray, and wrinkled up, and her poor little old face all drew up and her glasses hanging down over her nose, Pop loved her as well as he did when she was young and pretty.

But today... I don't mean to be critical, but when she gets a little old, he just swaps her for a new model. *It seems to be that way, like swapping cars or something. It seems like if that real family love don't exist much more. Just something has happened. Home life is running out. We don't have the old American home as we used to have it, long years ago.*

LIFTING.HIM.OUT.OF.HISTORY -- 58-1001

FAMILY ONE WITH ANOTHER

Any man and his family, a correct, good, noble, obedient family is one with another, any family. *And if there's something in the family that moves them apart, then it's not right, the family's broken somewhere.* They should all be one, father with mother, mother with father, children with parent, parent with children, all in agreement. And, when you see that, you'll see one lovely picture.

ONENESS -- 62-0211

NEGLECT OF LOVE

The world's a looking for something today. When your little wife told you she'd be your sweetheart and wife, she was looking for somebody to love her. And when you promised your husband, he was looking for somebody when he come in tired and weary from working all day, some little wife to put her arms around him and kindly brush his hair back and tell him how much she loved him.

That's what causes separation in families, is the neglect of love. That's what cause the separation churches, neglect of love. We've got to have love.

HEAR.YE.HIM-- 57-0310

WIVES, OUR SWEETHEARTS - NEVER CHANGES IN THE FAMILY

I guess your sweetheart came too. I know you feel that way about her--she's still your sweetheart. And that's the way we... I know we, all of us Christians, feel that way about our wives. *And they're still our sweethearts. I hope it never changes in my family, and it never changes in your family, that we always feel that way about our wives.* After all, they stand side by side with us to help us fight these battles, and we need them. Although I've said many scorching things to them, but it wasn't in such a way to make them feel bad; it was such a way to keep them in line with the Gospel.

And, see, that's Satan's tool, where he works the hardest. That was his first instrument. He's never changed. He stays right there to... And he's... we just have to pray for our sisters constantly. Of course, they pray for us too. And together with one unit we can march forward like an undefeated army, with our great Chief Captain Christ Jesus and His Word going before us, making a way for us.

PERSEVERANCE -- 62-0520

2. STRAIN AND COMPLEXES IN THE FAMILY

Now, this young fellow's parents. His mother is German. No reflection on the German, **but there is a strain in that family. And, that is, they'll just sit, and you can talk to them, and they'll just stare you right in the face.** They got... This girl's sister, the mother of this boy, her sister. I have come down the street, many morning, and this young lady be setting out in the yard, and I'd say, "Good morning, to you." She'd just look at me. And I'd stop, and I'd say, "Sure a fine morning." She would just stand, look right at you; an intelligent woman. And I'd say, "Come up to see us sometime." She'd just stand and look. Well, her brothers are that way, father and mother is that way.

A.PARADOX-- 63-0801

Now the genes in the father and the mother of this boy, no matter how much they are converted, still remains the flesh that's been interbred out to this boy. **Therefore, the boy has got a complex in him, just like from his mother's family, and they are not forgiving, they will not apologize, and that's where that boy stands.**

A PARADOX--63-0801

AFFECTING ONE ANOTHER

And you let one member of the family get nervous, it goes to the next member, and the next member, and the first thing you're all fussing and going on. And one member of the family gets kinda upset about something, it upsets the other, and the other, and the other, and the first thing you know the whole family's upset. It's Satan. Then if one member of the family rejoices, let the rest of them rejoice with it. So every one of the family try to do that.

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS -- 64-0823

3. JESUS CHRIST, YOUR FAMILY, YOU LAST

You have one objective, and that's Jesus Christ. Outside of that, there's nothing else counts, that's Him. **Then secondly, for your family;** then thirdly, for yourself; but first, for God, and next, for your family, and next, for you. You're number three that's the end of the road. You put yourself last; He did.

HOW.CAN.I.OVERCOME -- 63-0825

4. FAMILY - STAY WHERE --SPIRITUALLY FED

So many today... **You take a--a family of people that'll start going to church. And God will heal the little family. He will bless them, and give them the Holy Spirit in their lives. The little children will pray around the table; they'll pray before they go to bed. Mother and father will join hands and pray. And as long as they continue like that, they'll stay a family;** but you let them get... First thing you know, they didn't have nothing, an old junk car, maybe, riding around in it, or maybe walking. Finally they'll get a good car, a better home. And the first thing you know, then they want to get to what they--the world calls, a better class to associate with. They move into a different neighbourhood, and in there, they find out they become influenced by the wrong influence. You must always stay where the

Kingdom of God is and where the glory of God is pouring out. *Stay where you can be spiritually fed day and night.* Then the first thing you know, separations comes in the home, and worldliness, and they get lifted up. Uzziah did that; he got lifted up, much pride.
THE.INFLUENCE.OF.ANOTHER-- 62-1013

PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES

1. PARENTHOOD

TAKES TWO TO RAISE A FAMILY

I think of them little kids. All of you remember them, out here in a little--little old boxed up house. Their poor old dad set together behind the church here for them. Remember those little fellows, how I--how we all know them. How poor little old Ora Mae... *It takes two to raise a family.* Oh, God, this horrible thing of marriage and divorce, and how Curtis done the best he could by them. He worked hard, but a child, no matter who it is, needs a mother's love, somebody to love them. It's nature to quieten your feeling.

I'm a hunter. I study wild life. That's... It's... And I get out and just study it. An old mother bear when she goes in in the fall of the year, she's bred to be a mother again. She runs all of her cubs away. She has from one to two. She runs them away. Make them hibernate themselves, so they'll be used to it.

PERFECTION-- 56-0610

PROVIDE THE BEST FOR THEM

In Eden, God knew His enemy and all the attacks of His enemy. Now God is the infinite God, and the infinite God is the perfection of the perfections. He knew all things before they ever was. And therefore, if this infinite God could have looked forward, and did, and seen the end from the beginning, and knew that He would have children on this earth, His Own blessed children, don't you believe that He would provide for them the best that He could provide?

Would not you tonight, to your children that was helpless little fellows who can't take care of themselves, don't you struggle, and work, and do everything that you can to provide the best that you can or able to provide for those children? Because you are a father, a parent. And if that being the--the... what I would say, the--the trueness, and the thought of a earthly parent... *And parenthood originated in God, because He was the first parent.* Don't you think that God, seeing what Satan would be, what Satan would do, **He gave to His children and provided for them the best thing that could be provided for them,** to... ? Knowing what the enemy's attack would be, God fortified His children. See.

CONFLICT.BETWEEN.GOD.AND.SATAN-- 62-0531

IRREVERENT PARENTS

So, Elijah cursed them, in the Name of the Lord. Not because of the children, but because of the irreverent parents that had brought the children up that way to disrespect God. Two she bears come out and killed forty-two of them. Now, that's irreverence. God

demands respect! When they disrespected His prophet, they disrespected Him; no matter if they didn't believe, they ought to kept their mouth shut, stay away from it. But, no, they had to put in their nickel's worth. They had to say something that they ought not have said. And what happened to them?

RESPECTS-- 61-1015

FATHERHOOD AND MOTHERHOOD BROKE

I got a piece in the paper that was in our paper there, our local paper, that showed that three out of every four soldiers that went overseas during the other war was divorced six months after they were there by their wife. Went to work in powder plants, so forth like that...

Now, if a man is sick and his wife can't work, I mean, he can't work, I don't blame; his wife got to make a living. That's right. But if she's just out working to have a little extra money, you'd better keep her away from that scalawag bunch that's she's working with out there. Her place is home. That's it. Here she's--she's supposed to be at home.

And mister, you might call yourself ever so good, but if you've got lodges and other things that calls you away from her at night, you ought to be ashamed of yourself. God gave you a home to--for cherish and comfort and things like that, and it's a shame to see the way man does their wives, and wives do man. ***The womanhood and fatherhood of the nation is tore to pieces, divorce courts piled full.***

Jesus said it would be that way, "As it was in the days of Noah, they were marrying and giving in marriage until the day that Noah entered into the ark." It's a sin and a disgrace. Don't call me that kind--I don't...

THIRSTING.FOR.LIFE-- 60-0304

2. FATHERHOOD

SPOIL YOUR SON - NOT LOVE

You remember, Dad, Junior is going to grow up to be a man someday, and he will marry and have a family. ***God help that wife that lives with a boy that has been brought up like that to have his way about everything he wants--can't discern right from wrong. That is not love. That is pure ignorance.*** The Bible is right. Spare the rod, and you spoil your son.

DISCERNING.BODY.OF.LORD -- 59-0812

FATHER FACE THE RESPONSIBILTY - WHIPPING

But, to face up to responsibility, sometimes it takes the very hide off of us to do that. ***As a father to face up the responsibility to give your child a whipping.*** Them little fellows, you don't want to do that. But as a father or mother you've got to face the responsibility of raising that child, because the Bible said "Spare the rod and you'll spoil your son." And that still stands good in the sight of every psychologist there is in the world. That still remains God's Truth. If there'd been more of that practiced, we wouldn't have had so much juvenile delinquency and stuff, and the rot we got in the

MAN.RUNNING.FROM.PRESENCE-- 65-0217

3. MOTHERHOOD

MOTHER, FIRST WITH CHILD - ON RIGHT ROAD

Mother is so great. You know, the first one that receives you, in this life, is your mother. No one can touch you, because you're conceived, and she bears you under her heart. And she is the first to know you, and the first to, in this life, to--to hold you. Then, when you're born, she is one of the first hands that touch you and wipes back the tears out of your eyes. She's the first one to pat you and to love you, and to coo over you, in this life, is your mother. Now, I think that there is not enough honor that we could give to a mother.

Mother is first with the child, and she's a great responsibility of what that child will be, will be based upon the way that mother starts that child on the path that it must travel. Mother has the responsibility, from God, to place that child on the right road. And I think that's why mothers has a special little touch.

MOTHER'S.DAY-- 59-0510

WOMEN WON'T STAY HOME

The coming of Christ is flashing its sign. Look at them. See if what I've told you tonight... It may not be very popular, but it's the Truth. It's what God said, and here we are. ***Women don't want to stay home. They don't want to take care of their families.*** They just hire a babysitter and go out to a party somewhere. Juvenile delinquents, all things is taking place: bobbing their hair, wearing shorts, make-up. The increase is getting prettier and prettier. Man, sons of God are falling into a trap for Satan to use the sons of God to fall into that, just as Jesus said. It has to happen. He said it would be there, and here it is. He said, "When these things come to pass, this generation will not pass away, and that's forty years, until all these things be fulfilled." Think of it!

THE .FLASHING. RED. LIGHT -- 63-0623

A MOTHER'S TOUCH

I know of a boy in this city. I think his mother's present now. He's almost my age. But I don't say this to hurt the mother; because that she has enough hurts, as all mothers. But the boy drinks, and he drinks heavy. And when he gets real drunk, he will come home and jump in the bed with his mother and put his arms around her. And he's got grandchildren. ***But there's something about just the pat of a mother, that seems to take a--a different place than anything else can touch; that is, in this life, humanly speaking.***

MOTHER'S.DAY-- 59-0510

GOD GIVEN JOB TO RAISE CHILDREN

There's a burning bush here tonight to answer every brother away from a call of God. Think on your ways. The Holy Ghost is here to heal the sick, showing signs and wonders and miracles. Many of you people has wanted to be a Christian. Many of you has wanted to do something for God. And you've neglected it for the washtub, for a job out yonder in a factory somewhere.

Some of you women that ought to be home with your kids, reading the Bible to them. You got a job out yonder to make a extra dollar. Shame on you. God gave you a job; that's

raise them children. Teach them the things of God. It's the truth. Think on your ways, woman. What will them dollars do? They'll ring like Judas Iscariot's did. Think on your ways and turn your foot to His testimonies, unto His Blood, unto His grace, unto His offer. "As I thought on my ways," said David, "I turned my feet to thy testimony." Sure. Think on your ways as you go.

AS.I.THUGHT.ON.MY.WAY-- 59-0814

THE FIFTH GOSPEL

To you little mothers here this morning, that's been real mothers, and I know there's many of you; I think, every one of you. Let me tell you something. God bless you. **You're the fifth Gospel**, I think. Let me tell you what's in there for your children, just a little thing. 'Cause, Brother Neville will probably preach on the... about mother tonight, or whoever, one of us that preaches, all right, about mothers. But, listen, let me ask you something. Remember, when Moses was a little boy, **it was a mother who give him his instruction.** It was a godly mother who took little Moses on her knees, and said, "Moses," taught him all. He was her teacher or... She was his teacher, rather, under Pharaoh, and said now these things. Said, "Moses, someday you're going to deliver the children of Israel. You're the boy that's called. Keep yourself pure and unspotted from the world, for you're the one. You're the one."

No other place do we know, where he ever went to any seminary, any teaching at all, he ever got. He stayed right in Pharaoh's palace, which was a heathen; but his mother taught him. [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit three times--Ed.] That's a real mother. She taught him the precepts of the Lord. She told him how he must be holy. She told him how and what he must live, and how, what God must do, would do for him. And it stuck with Moses all the days of his life.

And any good, true, loyal mother that'll take her little babies, instead of send them to picture shows and dances, and so forth like that, and she will put them on her lap and teach them about the Lord Jesus Christ!

INVASION.OF.THE.USA-- 54-0509

FIRST PREACHER TO CHILD- MOTHER

The first preacher that ever gets a child is a mother. There's four, five Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and mother. And a mother should be a Spirit filled woman, who can teach her children, and teach them to pray and to know about God, and so forth. Instead of that, they give them to a babysitter and run all night long. And then go to Sunday school on Sunday morning and call themselves Christians.

I better get off of that, hadn't I? 'Cause I just an old sassafras type that believes the truth about these things. That's right. And I'd rather scorch you now than have you be burnt after while, so that--that's true. So you just remember; it's the truth; it's the Gospel truth.

EXPECTATION-- 55-1001

WOMAN HOLD HER OFFICE- MOTHERHOOD

The woman's got a great place, it's a sacred, nice, wonderful place. But she must keep herself that way, to hold her office as she should, as a mother, as a woman and of womanhood. **When the womanhood's broke, the backbone of any nation's broke,** And that's the reason, today, our nation is ruined, it's because of the immorals of our women.

That's exactly right. Sure. It's the rottenness among us, what's breaking it.

HEBREWS.CPT.7.PT.1-- 57-0915

GOD-GIVEN VIRTUE TO BE MOTHER.

Womanhood is one of the thing that holds our nation together. It's the backbone. And womanhood, the fine virtue that God give for a woman to be mother, why, it's--it's--it's gone. Long ago has the--has the--the--the women of this world, the virtue of them, bowed to a Hollywood fashion goddess; patterning themselves, and dressing themselves, and acting as some of these Hollywood stars does. And many times that even ungodly dressing, sex appeal, is regarded as fashions in the churches. And the pastors behind the pulpit, with not the--not the audacity, not the--the strength of the Holy Spirit; like a Lot sitting down there, vexing his soul, and in too much of a meal ticket to tell the people that it's wrong. Yeah.

WORLD.AGAIN.FALLING.APART-- 63-1127

GEMS IN YOUR CARE

And we would ask, Lord, that You would bless, this morning, all across the nation, as it's celebrating this memorial day of Mother's Day. But may this not just be a--a mother's day; may every day be so.

God, grant this morning, that mothers, women, who are wandered away from God, that they will come to their selves, this morning, and will recognize that what the word mother means, "one who has begotten." ***May she realize that the offsprings, from her union with her husband, has been sacred little gems that God has placed under her care. Then, God will hold her responsible for the rearing of those children.*** And as the Scripture says, that, "The good woman, and the mother what she is, that her children will call her blessed."

MOTHER'S.DAY-- 59-0510

BEST TEACHER - MOLDS CHARACTER

And faith can take its stand on the rock, that the waves are beating the foundations out, and look straight into the face of death and know that it'll be just in a little bit, but faith can look across the sea to Him that said, "I am the resurrection and Life," and fail to even hear the waves a dashing.

That's the kind of faith that Moses' mother had. She taught him and she reared him in the palace of Pharaoh, teaching him that he was born for a purpose, that Jehovah had answered her prayer. ***And, she, he could not have had a better teacher. That's what help mold the character that Moses was.***

MOTHERS DAY--59-0510

OLD TIME MOTHERS - NOT MUCH JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

I like real women, real mothers. God gives us more real, old time mothers, that we wouldn't have as much juvenile delinquency if we had a mother stay home and take care of her kids, instead of out somewhere with a cocktail party, and these little babysitters trying to take care of it somewhere. That's right. That's what poisons the mind of the children. The--America's rotten with it to the core, getting worse all the time, and will continue to get worse. There's nothing... I'd give my voice against it, but it's going on,

because the Scripture said so. It'll die in its youth, this nation.

Now remember, in Revelations 13, when it appears, it always is youthful. That's the little-- the Lamb's come up.

JEHOVAH.JIREH-- 60-0803

OLD-FASHIONED MOTHER - CARES FOR HER FAMILY

Now, there's nothing any sweeter on earth, that we know of, than a real, genuine mother. God bless her gallant soul, a real, real mother. But we got so many substitutes today that--that's called "mother," that's not mother; they're just women who have children, but not mother. An old-fashioned mother is one who cares for her family, and don't lay out to these lounges and dances, and all night long, smoking, drinking, come in. She don't deserve that sacred name of mother. She's just a woman, that's all, that's raising a child; but not a mother, 'cause mother has got a different meaning to it. Now I--I think if you...

TEACHING.ON.MOSES -- 56-0513

HOME VALUES

AHOME IS THE ORDER OF THE HOUSE

We pass down the streets many times, and we see a--a house. And sometimes we say, "Isn't that a lovely home." *Now, it might look like a lovely house, but the home is a order of the house. You see the order that's in it, order of the family.*

And that's were I think the house of God is. It isn't so much the beautiful temple, which we do appreciate, but it's the order that's on the inside of it. What kind of a order do they have? Are they really Christians, really worshipping the Lord, really love Him? Is it a house of correction, a Gospel being preached, and accompanied by the signs that Jesus gave us that would follow us? And I'm sure it's that way here at this Beulah Temple.

THIRSTING.FOR.LIFE -- 59-0613

HOME LIFE SO NEGLECTED- BIBLE LAID BACK

Then also, *we have a home life crisis. It seems like the home life is running out into shallow water. It used to be in a home, that father, the head of the house, would set down of a morning, and he would speak with his family, and they would all take out the old family Bible, and read just a little bit, and--and all gather around the table, and have prayer.* You don't see that no more. And when the day was done and Ma had the dishes washed, they'd all gather in, and read some more of the Bible, and pray before going to bed.

Juvenile delinquency certainly was a hard thing to find in them days. The boys all went to the fields to work, and the girls helped mom with the washing down at the creek. But today, we just push a little button and the dishes are all done, and Ma's in the car and gone to the card party, or out; she's rattling around over the streets. And--and the work's done by a tractor. *And we just don't have nothing but just a bunch of lazy, idle people. And home life is so neglected, till the Bible is laid back, till they'd have to hunt for a hour to find One in many homes in America.*

GOOD OLD FASHIONED HOME

I will tell you. I think, today, we have such a juvenile crime wave across the nation, but, really, ***I think it started in the home. I--I think the parents began to let go. And if the child had been raised up in a good, old-fashion, godly home; I don't say it would be all over, certainly not, but it would certainly give that child the right kind of influence.*** I think, many times, that, homes that children has been brought up wrong, turned loose on the street, and just lived for themself while the mother stays in a barroom, or the... and the father, and so forth. ***They don't take care of this child. Another thing, they don't love it and give it the affections, to take it up. It's young. You've got to teach it to love and respect, and to read the Bible.***

INFLUENCE - 63-1114

MAKE HOME LOVELY FOR CHILDREN

Just let me go in your house and see what kind of pictures you got on your wall. Let me go to your home or your office, and let's see what kind of music is playing. See? What you read, what you look at, I can pretty well tell you what's on the inside of you, see, because it feeds on that. See? ***And, oh, to a home, if we made a home more lovely, children wouldn't want to run away. Make things more for them, where they feel welcome and nice and comfortable at home; where, home, they can't hardly wait till they get there. And that's the way home should be.***

INFLUENCE

REASON ANGELS DON'T VISIT HOMES

These wars, you take these young kids out, just the cream of the crop, 'cause they don't know no better knowing discipline, army discipline. "Stick your head up over the hill and let somebody shoot it off. Die like a hero." They gladly do it. Run up there on one and shot down another and shot down another, shot down... And nation forgets them unless they're family. Come back to this here, and whatever they come back to... You see what I mean. Many of the soldiers...

But a man, seldom will you ever find one that'll lay down his life for the cause of Christ. He won't even crawl out of his shade tree and go to church, won't even get out from behind the television long enough to attend a Wednesday night prayer meeting. That's right. Amen. It's a shame, disgrace.

That's the reason Angels don't visit the churches. That's the reason the Angels don't visit homes. We've got to get down to deep, sincerity of this thing. The Angels of God are here on earth tonight just the same as they always been.

The Holy Ghost has been here ever since the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the coming forth of Pentecost. He's appeared through ages all down, getting a remnant of people together. The rest of it is cannon fodder; I will just tell you that now. It's a fodder that'll mix with smoke out of torment. Yes, sir. It will take a borned-again experience, washed in the Blood of the Lamb, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, or they'll never make that rapture, according to this Word. Yes. That's exactly what the Scripture says.

THE.UNCHANGEABLE.WORD.OF.GOD -- 60-0724

GET DISCIPLINE AND LEARN AT HOME

The children are supposed to know discipline, they should get it at home. But even if it's mine, my kids get in here at anytime, they get disorderly, I don't want you to draw one string; Sarah, Rebekah, Joseph, Billy, or whoever it might be. You tell me, I will see to it. If they can't behave, then they'll stay away from church till they do learn to behave. This is not an arena, this is the house of God. This is not a place to play, and skate, and write notes, and laugh, and cut up, this is the house of God, and is to be carried out godly.

CHURCH.ORDER-- 63-1226

HOURS OF TRAINING TO BE GIVEN IN HOME

Talk about wealth in the church--why there never has been such a show of wealth. The beautiful sanctuaries are multiplied in number as never before. The various groups vie with each other to see who can build the biggest and the loveliest. And they build education centers worth unestimated millions, and those buildings are used only an hour or two a week. *Now that would not be such a terrible thing, but they expect this little time spent by the children in the education plant to take the place of the hours of training supposed to be given in the home.*

LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE

15 MINUTES-DEPEND ON SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

Oh, my, what a horrible time we're living. Look around and see sin. Look at it. Oh, yes. You couldn't go to prayer meeting. "It's just too hot." "It's just too cold." "Well, after all, the preacher preaches to long. But you can keep your head in that old devil television day and night.

You'll look at a... *Why, half the little kids, when you mothers ought to teach them about Christ. Not depend on the Sunday school teacher fifteen minutes once a week.* Every kid in the land can tell you who David Crockett is, where he come from, and what age he was when he killed his bear. But there isn't one time one hundred percent can tell you how Jesus Christ come to save sinners. In a twenty-four... Less than twenty-four months... Yeah, less than twelve months, the whole nation knowed about David Crockett.

THE.MARK.OF.THE.BEAST-- 56-0715

HOSPITALITY TO PROPHET

And she'd read in the Bible, in the days of Elisha there was a woman by the name... by... a Shunammite woman. And she was barren, and she had faith. And a man, a prophet, was of that day and... Elisha. And *she'd built him a little place on the side of her house*, where she and her husband had a nice home. They built a place and put a water bowl in there, and a place for him to wash and clean up, and just made it a real nice place-comfortable. And when he come by--he and Gehazi, his servant--and he said, "*Look what kindness this Shunammite woman has showed to us.*" Said, "Go ask her if I should speak to the chief captain.

THEN.JESUS.CAME.AND.CALLED-- 64-041

RESPECT TO GOD'S SERVANT

And then there was a... oh he got a... Now remember, he had a temper, too. And some children begin to make fun of him because he was bald-headed. ***And he cursed those children, and that wasn't so much for the children's sake, it was for the parents that didn't raise up their children to respect God.*** That's what it was. The parents lost their children because two she-bears killed forty-two of them. Must have been a hundred or more running after Elijah. And going right down through Samaria where they'd had the Word preached so long, and the prophet. But do you see something there? It was the people's attitude towards God's messenger.

ELISHA.THE.PROPHET 56-1002

CREATING A DIFFERENT ATMOSPHERE

So I slipped over, and got an apron, and put it around me, and I begin to help her. And I said, "Honey, you know what? I saw the prettiest dress the other day. I just so wanted to get it for you. And it was in a certain city just here close, and we will go get it." And all the time in my heart praying, "Heavenly Father, quieten this dear, little woman." And I put my hand on her, not knowing, her not knowing what I was doing. I'd say, "Yes, honey, oh, it was beautiful." "O Lord, quieten this little woman." And just kept on you know, her not knowing... What was I doing? Was projecting, creating a different atmosphere. Walk in the love of God; have fellowship.

And in a few moments she got quiet. And then when she got quiet, Sarah and Becky divided up the play blocks; Joseph got him something to play with; and there was peace in the home.

What was it? Projecting love. They were mine, my children, my wife, and I was god. And then God giving His Spirit, and through that Spirit, with love to my family, sovereign grace come in and quietened the family. It'll do it. I know it will.

WHEN.DIVINE.LOVE.IS.PROJECTED -- 57-0126

TEACH CHILD TO LOVE, RESPECT AND READ BIBLE

I will tell you. I think, today, we have such a juvenile crime wave across the nation, but, really, I think it started in the home. ***I--I think the parents began to let go. And if the child had been raised up in a good, old-fashion, godly home; I don't say it would be all over, certainly not, but it would certainly give that child the right kind of influence.*** I think, many times, that, homes that children has been brought up wrong, turned loose on the street, and just lived for themself while the mother stays in a barroom, or the... and the father, and so forth. They don't take care of this child. Another thing, they don't love it and give it the affections, to take it up. It's young. ***You've got to teach it to love and respect, and to read the Bible.***

INFLUENCE -- 63-1114

WOMEN- READING BIBLE TO KIDS

Some of you women that ought to be home with your kids, reading the Bible to them. You got a job out yonder to make a extra dollar. Shame on you. God gave you a job; that's raise them children. ***Teach them the things of God.*** It's the truth. Think on your ways, woman. What will them dollars do? They'll ring like Judas Iscariot's did. Think on your

ways and turn your foot to His testimonies, unto His Blood, unto His grace, unto His offer. "As I thought on my ways," said David, "I turned my feet to thy testimony." Sure. Think on your ways as you go.

AS.I.THUGHT.ON.MY.WAY-- 59-0814

TEACH CHILDREN THE TRUE STORY

God bless you back there, my brother. You might not have done many great things in life, but that's the greatest you ever did. A little boy about twelve years old raised his hand. God bless you, sonny. The Bible says, "A child shall lead them." ***He hasn't pulled his little soul through old True Story magazines, and things, and what's called true stories. There's only one true story that I know, which is that in the Bible.***

Little kids today know more about David Crockett than they do about Jesus Christ. Ever believe, since children, about all kinds of cowboy stuff? And there's what the children hear, and swallow it up.

A.TESTIMONY.ON.THE.SEA-- 62-0720

CHILD WITHOUT EXPERIENCE OF NEW BIRTH

I don't care how good a home a child has been brought up in, and how it's been taught to do right; if that child hasn't accepted the experience of the New Birth, rock-and-roll music catches his attention just as quick as he hears it. Because in him is, born in him by nature, a carnal spirit. And the power of the Devil is so great, today, till it catches that spirit of that little one.

WITHOUT.MONEY.OR.PRICE-- 59-0802

TEACH TO KEEP UNSPOTTED FROM THE WORLD

To you little mothers here this morning, that's been real mothers, and I know there's many of you; I think, every one of you. Let me tell you something. God bless you. You're the fifth Gospel, I think. Let me tell you what's in there for your children, just a little thing. 'Cause, Brother Neville will probably preach on the... about mother tonight, or whoever, one of us that preaches, all right, about mothers. But, listen, let me ask you something.

Remember, when Moses was a little boy, it was a mother who give him his instruction. It was a godly mother who took little Moses on her knees, and said, "Moses," taught him all. He was her teacher or... She was his teacher, rather, under Pharaoh, and said now these things. Said, "Moses, someday you're going to deliver the children of Israel. You're the boy that's called. Keep yourself pure and unspotted from the world, for you're the one. You're the one."

No other place do we know, where he ever went to any seminary, any teaching at all, he ever got. He stayed right in Pharaoh's palace, which was a heathen; ***but his mother taught him. [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit three times--Ed.] That's a real mother. She taught him the precepts of the Lord. She told him how he must be holy. She told him how and what he must live, and how, what God must do, would do for him. And it stuck with Moses all the days of his life.***

And any good, true, loyal mother that'll take her little babies, instead of send them to picture shows and dances, and so forth like that, and she will put them on her lap and teach them about the Lord Jesus Christ!

INVASION.OF.THE.USA -- 54-0509

TELLING CHILDREN LIES -SANTA

What's any more of a myth than Santa Claus? Never was such a thing! ***Telling children lies, you'll be responsible for it at the Day of the Judgment.*** Yes.

GOD'S.WRAPPED.GIFT-- 60-1225

TALK ABOUT GOD -TELL THEM BIBLE STORIES

It, It's too bad that mothers don't take their children today and tell them Bible stories. Hard to get a pastor that'll do it, let a lone a--a--a mother. I think there's--there's five Gospels. You only know four of them in the Bible. But it's Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and mother. Mother gets them when they're young.

She ought to start them right there. Before they know anything about Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

And mothers take more time to talk to their children about God, and pray for them, we would have less juvenile delinquency. First of all, it's parent delinquency before we have juvenile delinquency. If mothers would take their place in the house, and a Bible, and pray for their children, and lead them to Christ; instead of going out in some stitch and sew party and play cards, and drink, and carry on, and smoke and... Well, I don't want to get started on that. But, however... I... it--it's terrible the way it's doing.

BE. NOT .AFRAID -- 61-0311

INTERCEDE FOR AND TALK TO CHILD

A dose of medicine almost killed my boy, Billy Paul. About two years, three years ago, Billy Paul got into a habit, got running around there, and that's the reason I had to send him to Waxahatchee, to the school. Our public school, with the bunch of little boys and things, all smoking cigarettes and things. And Billy come up home one day and said, "How you getting along, daddy?"

I seen a vision pop over him. I said, "Come here a minute, talk to you."

He said, "What is it, Daddy?"

I said, "What are you doing smoking cigarettes?"

He said, "I'm not."

I said, "Don't you lie to me, Billy." He commenced to crying.

Well, he said, "I--I won't do it no more, daddy." And he went on out. He kept on doing it. He wasn't hiding it; he can't hide it, no, no. So--and I seen a vision, and the Lord showed me that Billy, had disobeyed me, and had jumped through a window, and was going laughing, head over heels, like that, down, on through eternity, turning over and over. ***And when I come out of the vision, I was screaming to the top of my voice, "Oh, God, don't take my boy. Only boy I have, don't take him, Lord." And I was screaming to the top of my voice. I told Billy.***

COME.LET.US.REASON.TOGETHER-- 55-1004

WATCH WHO YOUR CHILDREN PLAY WITH

Television, un-censored picture shows, dirt, filth... and makes an example. Look at our young kids today. Look at our girls. See little bitty fellows coming from school, not over six years old, seven, eight, lighting up cigarettes. Why is it? Their mammy before them probably done it. If they didn't do it, then some of the kids they're associating with. ***Watch***

who your kids play with. That's right.

Here the other... some time ago, wife knows it, we was sitting at the table. And my little Joseph let out a word that would make a drunken sailor ashamed of himself. And I turned around, and I said, "What's that?" And his mother like to fainted. The little fellow looked innocent

He said, "What's the matter, Daddy?" And big tears in his eyes.

I said, "Don't you never say a thing like that."

He didn't know what it was all about. Come to find out, the kids at school was using that dirty word.

I said, "Honey, that's of the devil."

See, there you are. Your kids...

It's just got into a place, brother, till it's just dog-eat-dog. Such a conglomeration of sin.

Oh, my! Television programs, sin lovers, pleasure lovers... Oh, my! Twenty minutes is long enough. "I've got to see the late show," see. "Hurry up and get this out of here, I got to do this," see. They've done their religion. They went down there, and that's enough.

THE WAY OF A TRUE PROPHET

PRAYER CASTS DEVIL AWAY FROM CHILD

And then I will come around and say, "Joseph, you shouldn't do a certain thing." And you know, the first thing you know, he's got in a habit. And you'll find in your children, they'll lie to you. Well, that's a lying spirit on that baby. ***There's only one remedy for it. The gun stick ain't my idea, you know, the ramrod we used to get the beating with,*** Brother Jess. When we got--got--got into trouble we used to get the ramrod out of the old guns, the hickory stick, you know, old muzzle loaders. ***That isn't the idea. But prayer, cast that evil devil away from that child. That's right. Prayer does it.***

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS-- 59-1223

PRAY WITH KIDS, GOD MAKE THINGS DIFFERENT

God bless you, loved ones. I--I don't want to say those things. But God's going to hold me responsible if I don't tell the truth. You ought to go home, everybody, get down around the bed tonight, or else bring the mother and kiddies, all of them get around the bed, say, ***"Mother, let's pray right here, till God really makes things different around here."*** Pastors, you ought to call your congregations together on Sunday morning now, and say, "Let's start anew." You'll be kind to one another.

Pentecostal preachers, sometimes, and men, will go downtown. You see them on the street sometime, will just jump into traffic, and consider your friends. If you see him fixing to get a ticket; I don't care who he is, put a nickel in the--don't let him be fined.

Even in everything, it will grow on you. ***Try to be good to one another.*** Try to shake hands and be friendly and nice. Tear down all the walls of partition around you, that's malice, and different, ungodly, tear it down. ***Keep doing good to one another. Every time you meet one another, make yourself be good to one another. And the first thing you know, it'll grow around you, till a bundle of love will wrap you up. Hallelujah. That's the marking of God.***

THE.SEAL.OF.THE.ANTICHRIST -- 55-0311

PRAY FOR CHILDREN - MAY DO SOMETHING WRONG

If mothers done, and fathers, more of this, they wouldn't have any juvenile delinquency. Kids wouldn't be running the streets like they are. See? Said, ***"Now, peradventure, if they might sin, I'm going to offer an offering for each one, that if anything does happen, they'll have a bloodshed way to come home by." Oh my! "I will offer it for them.*** So here is for John. I will offer a sacrifice, God, for John. Now, if he happens to stray off the road down there... The Holy Spirit hasn't come yet, to lead him. So if he does stray off the road, Lord, I will make him a path here." Oh my! "Mary, she is down there tonight. So Lord, if she does stray... I've raised her right. But if she does stray, I will make her a path, by this bloodshed way back." ***God, give us some more of those old mothers, at nighttime, praying for their kiddies like that. The backbone of any nation. All right.***

FELLOWSHIP.BY.REDEMPTION -- 55-0403

RESULTS OF HOME TRAINING

RAISE CHILD IN THE WRONG ATMOSPHERE

Now, we find out that this Ahaziah was the son of Ahab and Jezebel. He had come out of a cursed family. ***And when you take a family that's raising their children in the wrong atmosphere, you can't hardly expect anything else.***

WHY -- 62-0622

PREPARING THEIR LITTLE MINDS

You fathers, you mothers, are you ready to establish an altar in your house, and take that television out? Are you ready to take that deck of cards off the table? Them comic books that your children's reading, preparing their little mind for a blast that the Devil's going to give them. Are you ready to establish the old family altar again? Or do you just want to continue on the way you are? You want to continue on, you're not in condition of coming yet; but I pray that you're like Samson, you see the price and you're ready, "Lord, let me die with them."

JUST.ONE.MORE.TIME.LORD-- 63-0120

OUT OF FAMILY COMES A PREACHER -MILLION SOULS

And if each one of you in here now has not been positionally placed... You might not be nothing but a housewife. Well, you say, "Brother Branham, I never done a thing in my life. I'm not a preacher." Well, maybe God brought you here to raise a family of children; ***out of that family of children may come another family of children, that'll be a preacher that'll send a million souls to Christ. You had to be here. You're here for a purpose. Did you know that?***

ADOPTION.OR.PLACING -- 60-0522

CHILDREN

BIRTH TO MATURITY

You... Now, you grew from your birth... When you was born and presented into this world, God knew that you were going to be here in this earth, and you grew from birth to maturity. ***Things that seem so strange to you in your young womanhood, and young boyhood, as children, now seems very real. You couldn't understand it when you was a child, but now as you become adult, you begin to understand and find out that everything was just set just right. And you...*** It really means something to you now.

THINGS.THAT.ARE.TO.BE -- 65-1205

NOTHING LIKE CHILDHOOD

There's something about childhood, and the adolescent age, that there's nothing else through life will ever take its place. 'Member the old... How our mothers used to catch us from dad when we'd do wrong, give us a little spanking? Oh, that was horrible. But, you know, many of you this afternoon, along with myself, I would just give anything that I could think of if my daddy was on this earth to give me a spanking. He can't be no more, though, my father has gone on, and many of you the same way. ***There's nothing like the childhood.***

LIFE.STORY --53-1108

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT WITH PROMISE

You know what, you know what the first Commandment is in the Bible, the first Commandment with promise, was a promise? May be a little hard for you to understand these Commandments. The first Commandment, is, "Not to have any other god but Him." But the great Commandment... And the first Commandment that has a promise to it, see, is to the children. Did you know that? See, He said, "Children, obey your parents, which may lengthen the days upon the earth, that the Lord thy God has given thee." ***To mind your parents and do what you're doing, it may give you longer life upon the earth, that the Lord given you, more time to serve Him.***

LEADERSHIP.FOLLOW.ME -- 65-1031

WHAT YOU READ MOLDS CHARACTER

But I might pass this on to the young people. Do you know Abraham Lincoln never owned a book in his life, until he was after twenty-one years old, but the Bible and the Foxe's Book Of The Martyrs. ***See, what you read molds the character that you are.*** No wonder we got a bunch of neurotics today; little old fiction magazines, and vulgar and nonsense, is placed upon our newsstands. ***He owned the Bible and the Foxe's Book Of The Martyrs. Look what it made him.***

But in the face of all that, one day he made a statement like this. He said, "If there could be any good thing found in me, it's because of a godly mother," that reared him to serve the Lord.

MOTHER'S.DAY -- 59-0510

MOST WONDERFUL LIFE ----DIED IN YOUTH

Most wonderful life that was ever lived on earth had to die when He was yet in His youth.

For God had spoke; and His--His judgments had--had to have justice. For it is written, "The day you eat thereof that day you die." God's justice required death.

And there was no one of us could die for one another. No man could do that. He was the only Man could die that kind of a death. For we were all borned in sin, shaped in iniquity, come to the world speaking lies. We were guilty from the beginning. So how could a good man die for another man when he was guilty himself? There could not be any of us take that kind of a position. So it had to take His death.

And God came down and was manifested in the flesh in order to die a death. God would not die in Spirit, because God is eternal, His Spirit doesn't die. But He was God. And He had to unfold Himself, and--and come from glory to a manger, and take on the form of sinful flesh in order to die to secure His Church, or to redeem His Church, to reconcile them back to Himself.

LIVING.DYING.BURIED.RISING.COMING -- 59-0403

INFERIOR COMPLEX \WANT YOUR OWN WAY

When a person realizes he has an inferior complex, or some sort of complex, how may he overcome this? So--should it be if he was the only child caused this in his early youth?

Take exactly the opposite. If you're always wanting your way, and that one little brat that wants to always have everything your way, turn right back around and give everything you got the other way. If you're selfish and you want to hold everything, then start giving away what you got. See? Do whatever--just go the vice versa. That's the way to overcome anything is an antidote.

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS -- 64-0830

ALWAYS HAVE RESPECT FOR MOTHER AND FATHER

And look, young children, young folks, ***I don't care what it is; you always have a respect to your father and mother. I think one of the awfulest things that I can hear little children say, or young folks, "the old man" and "old woman." Listen. That's not the "old man" and "old woman"; that's your daddy and mother.*** And someday, when you see them going out of the room head first, and the wheels beneath the casket, squeaking, you'll know it isn't the "old man" or "old woman" then. That's right. You hear the preacher say, "Ashes to ashes, and dust to dust," you realize the best friend you ever had on earth is going down.

The trouble of it is, you learn too late. Don't weep, and cry then, and send lots the flowers, give them to them now. Be a good boy or good girl.

LIFE.STORY -- 51-0415

BE A MAN -DO NOT BLOW HORN FOR GIRL

And all that week I was waiting for Wednesday to come to go get my girl friend. We was going to church. So that night, I remember, when I started up towards the place to where her people lived... they lived in a lovely big home up there. And I thought, "And here I lived. Oh, my! And I thought... Well I--I drove up in front. And I thought..."

I knowed better than to blow the horn. I--I know her mother and dad would both be out

on me. And I think that is right. That's cheap for you boys to go up blow the horn for the Girl to come out. If you don't think enough of her to go in and talk to her, and bring her out, and talk to her mother and dad, you ain't... you oughten to be with her anyhow. That's right. Go, be a man.

So I walked up on the door, and I thought, "I will stay outside tonight." And I happened to get to thinking.

LIFE.STORY -- 52-0720

IF CHILDREN LOSE RESPECT FOR PARENTS---FAMILY GONE

"What do you do about it, Brother Branham?" I have to respect it, I'm an American citizen, I do what the big boss says do. If I ever... *If a--if a family ever loses its respect for the family (the children lose the respect to the parent), that family's tore to pieces. If a--if a church ever loses respect of its pastor, why that church is gone.* And if a nation ever loses their respects of the supreme court and its decision, that nation is gone to pieces. That's exactly right. We got to respect those things because they're the big boss, see. But it isn't right in the beginning. Absolutely!

Q.&A.HEBREWS.PART.3 -- 57-1006

EXAMPLE FOR TEEN-AGERS

God living in a teen-age. What type of a teen-ager was He? He set the example. When He was lost by His father and His mother, they looked about to find Him, and they found Him in the temple, What did He say, as a teen-ager? *"Know you not? Wist thou not that I must be about My Father's business?" Example for teen-agers.*

THE.SUPER.SIGN-- 59-1227

COMPLETE OBEDIENCE TO HIS FATHER

Could you imagine Jehovah, being a baby in a manger, in a stable of manure? Could you imagine that? Could you imagine little Jehovah playing as a boy? It's an example. Could you imagine Him as a teen-ager? Could you imagine in the carpenter's shop? *And could you imagine Him in such complete obedience to God,* dying on a cross to redeem his fallen creation? That's the kind of a love that God had. And He had to become that in order to die, to hold the sting of death.

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