

“The Foundation of Society—The Family!”
Proverbs 31:20-31, page 647/587

Introduction:

1. God is a God of order and precision.
 - A. The Bible describes the plan God has for all of creation.
 - B. The Bible gives us a specific plan for the human race.
 - C. The Bible talks about the “beginning” in Genesis, and the close of this dispensation is recorded in Revelation.
2. Today we will be considering the beginning of the family and the importance of the family to our world.

I. In the beginning God created the human race, *Genesis 1*.

- A. It is imperative that we understand how God began the human race.
 1. God created the first family with a male and female.
 2. God’s plan: Have children and multiply and care for the earth/world in which we live.
- B. God never intended for us to change the structure of the family. *Mark 10:6-9: “But from the beginning of the creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh, so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”*
- C. The family is the basic unit of every nation.
- D. The family structure is vitally important if we desire the continued blessing of God.
- E. When a nation begins to alter what is the acceptable structure of the family, that nation begins to deteriorate/decay from the inside out.
- F. A nation is only as strong as the family structure of that nation.

II. Solomon describes the woman/wife/mother as the cornerstone of the family structure, *Proverbs 31*.

- A. The Bible places great value and importance on the wife and mother.
 1. “...her worth is far above rubies,” verse 10.
 2. “...her husband safely trusts her,” verse 11.
 3. “She does him good...,” verse 12.
 4. “She extends her hand to the poor...,” verse 20.
 5. “Strength and honor are her clothing...,” verse 25.
 6. “She opens her mouth with wisdom...,” verse 26.
 7. “...on her tongue is the law of kindness,” verse 26.
 8. “...does not eat the bread of idleness,” verse 27.
 9. “Her children ...call her blessed,” verse 28.
 10. “...a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised,” verse 30.

- B. This description of a quality woman is much different than what the world may describe as a role model for a woman:
 - 1. Paris Hilton.
 - 2. Britney Spears
 - 3. Oprah Winphrey
- C. The apostle Peter describes a Christian woman in *I Peter 3:3-4*: “*Do not let your beauty be that outward adorning of arranging the hair, of wearing gold, or of putting on fine apparel; but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible ornament of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.*”

Conclusion:

- 1. Mothers, we celebrate this special day with you.
- 2. You are vital to the family in our nation and the world.
- 3. Ladies, your influence on our society and, more importantly the family structure in the world, is essential.
 - A. Keep your faith grounded in God.
 - B. Keep your focus on Jesus Christ.
 - C. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you.
 - D. Be a Christian example to our confused and misguided world!