

Faithful Parenting

Text: Genesis 18:16-21

Context - Before the birth of Isaac, God was promising Abraham descendants and commanding Abraham to raise his children to follow God's commands.

Main Idea - With God's help, faithfully fulfill your calling as a parent to raise your children for the Glory of God.

From Abraham's faithfulness...

1) _____ your calling as parents (vs. 16-19a)

- A. Like Abraham, if you are a parent, God has chosen you to raise a child. God has also chosen what child(ren) will be placed in your care.
- B. As a Christian parent, you have been entrusted with a stewardship to raise your child for the glory of God.

2) _____ your children to keep the way of the Lord (vs. 19b)

- A. The example in Genesis of Abraham showing his children the way of the Lord, was that he would construct an altar for worship wherever they traveled.
- B. The altar would teach 4 things: 1. God is Holy 2. Man is Sinful 3. Our sins separate us from God 4. Innocent blood must be shed for guilty blood.
- C. **Altars in Genesis: 1. God in the garden of Eden** (Genesis 3:21) **2. Cain and Abel** (Genesis 4:1-5) **3. Noah after the flood** (Genesis 8:20) **4. Abraham** in Shechem (Genesis 12:7), Bethel (Genesis 12:8) and Hebron (Genesis 13:18) **5. Isaac in Beer-sheba** (Genesis 26:25) **6. Jacob in Bethel** (Genesis 35:1-2)

3) _____ a life of righteousness and Justice (vs. 19c-22)

- A. Righteousness and justice come from God and characterize the people of God. Without God, there will be no bearings of right and wrong.
- B. For the Christian, our righteousness is found only in Christ and His righteousness. Our justice is found only in Christ and His justice.