

### **The Virtue of Motherhood.**

*The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him.2 What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows?3 Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings. Prov 31:1*

God's way of preparing a young man or woman, to become the best they can be in this volatile world of random change and multiple possibilities, is Mother. A radically committed mom, who understands the critical building blocks necessary to prepare their children to succeed, through character, hard work ethics,

a deep sense of confidence in God and providence, which amounts to personal destiny for the good of others, and the glory of God, are the ingredients, that have made up the true secret of success for many of our earthly lights.

This is the case for Senator Obama. His Momma, was the key. Not social programs, not political affiliation, not even a strong ethnic community. None of these were a real factor. Most of these weren't apart of his experience. His Mother! She got him up every morning at 4:30, to read to him, discipline him in his basic learning skills, directed him through the many obstacles of a bi-ethnic child dilemma. She carved out the projectory for his educational ascent, in his early years which allowed His grandmother the successful end game agenda, for college.

Why am I calling attention to this? Because it is the biblical formula. It is also the necessary counter cultural, counter political insight for your children to succeed. Politics do not promote the responsibility of family. The responsibility of Mom, and the leadership of Dads as the primary framework for a successful person, people, or nation. That would diminish the life sucking role of government, which is always designed to take the place of family and God. Remember" It takes a village?" No. No! It takes a Mom! That's all: committed to God, and His word, and the children! These are the miracles that go unnoticed everyday in this world of false hope through nanny politics.

I dare you, to pour out your life blood to raise your children up in the fear and nurture of God, fiercely oppose every wicked thing, and show your children a way to live successfully, and love the true and living God, and see if He doesn't take them where He has taken all His other leaders, by this secret, Mom.

## *Pastor's Commentary And Outline*

### **THE LORD GAVE AND THE LORD HATH TAKEN AWAY**

Pastor Henry Mahan

Last Sunday I pointed to the fact that when we really believe the above statement and are confident that by the providence, power, and purpose of God "all things work together" for our good and His glory, it keeps us from blaming others, from bitterness, and from depression. With that in mind, I repeat an article.

*"It is GOOD for me that I have been AFFLICTED; that I MIGHT LEARN Thy ways"* (Psalm 119:71). God's ways and God's word are best learned by experience and in time of trouble. When our Lord is pleased to lay His hand heavily upon us, we do not soon forget the lessons learned. When the Lord singles out a believer or a church for special affliction and adversity, it is not for punishment nor lack of love for them; it is for eternal blessings and because He does love them. "Whom the Lord loveth" he chastens, corrects, and teaches!

When Job sat before his friends, who was afflicted? **THE ONE GOD LOVED!** When Paul stood before King Agrippa, who wore the chains? **THE ONE GOD LOVED!** Humanly speaking, which path of life would you prefer to live on earth, that of Esau or Jacob? Esau had the life of prosperity and ease; Jacob was full of trouble and conflict, **BUT GOD LOVED JACOB!** Thank God He has loved us in Christ and is pleased to teach us His ways by dealing with us in such a way that we are weaned from the world and find our life, comfort, and hope only in Him.

A person who measures his blessings and relationship with God by his prosperity, health, happiness, and worldly comforts makes a fatal mistake. "If ye be without chastisement, whereof all believers are partakers, then are ye bastards and not sons" (Hebrews 12:8). Paul said, "Most gladly therefore will I glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (2 Corinthians 12:9-10). He who sends the trial for His glory and my good will supply the grace sufficient. Those who know the Redeemer, also know that when we are weak, we are strong; when we are poor, we are rich; when we are empty, we are full; when we die, we live!

**Sermon outline:**

“ *Come see my zeal for the Lord* ” 2 Kg 10:1-28 !

1. **The period of the kings, represent the rule of man.** It signifies, either Christ as King, or Satan as anti-Christ. Depicts denominationalism, and man centered approaches to accomplishing the will of God. Deut 17, Hosea 12:9-11, John 19:7 - 15.

2. **The struggle of the divided kingdom, is God’s way of preserving, His promise** both to David, and Abraham. Gen 49:10 / A scepter / lawgiver / Ps 60:7, 76:1 / 108:8 / Isa 65:9 / Hosea 4:15 / John 5:39 / Ps 40:7 / Col 2:16/ Rev 19:10 “ Christ is coming! ” 1 Cor 11:9 “ Must be”

3. **Parallels, the historic split between Catholicism and Protestantism.** The former, a type of harlot Israel, abandoning the gospel, for works, and syncretism. Vs a bible believing, gospel preaching, Church!

4. **Jehu = He is Jehova, The Lord !** Ps 16:9 . 70 times by Ezekiel the prophet . 6:7 / 20:12 / 37:6 3 ways, judgment / worship / salvation.

5. **The destruction of Ahab’s house** 10vs 11, / The punishment of compromisers vs. 12-14 / The reward of faithfulness vs. 15,16 / The deception and destruction of idolator’s vs. 18-26 / 2Thess 2;11,12

6. **Application:** Our God, is a Jealous God, You shall have no other Gods’ before him!

**CONGRADULATION TO PRECIOUS AND GEORGE NWAKADU!**

“It’s a boy! His name is Faithful. Mom was a bit early, But you won’t get any complaints from her!

So lets get some diapers, and wet wipes for the little fella next week. The table will be set-up, upstairs. **BABY SHOWER FOR THE FAMILY NEXT WEEK!**  
April 6th Sunday

THE LORDS TABLE WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEK, April 6th , along with lunch fellowship, so bring something for the table, and join us for a time of conversation, and joy!

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PRAYER SERVICE: TUESDAY NIGHTS 7:30 HERE AT THE BUILDING!

*And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. 16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:15,16*