

EPHESIANS - LESSON TEN

INTRODUCTION:

In this lesson we investigate relationships in the home. Paul addresses the marriage relationship, the child and parent relationship, and the servant and master relationship. Subjection is a key issue in all of these relationships. When we are "in subjection...as unto the Lord" or "obeying...in the Lord, or "obedient...as unto Christ" we are building upon a solid foundation for lasting and effective relationships so needed in our crumbling society.

I. OUR WALK IN CHRIST: SPECIAL RELATIONSHIPS AT HOME (5:22-6:9)

A. Wives and husbands

1. Wives to be in subjection (5:22-24, 33b)
 - a) As unto the Lord
 - b) The husband IS head.
 - c) As the church is subject unto Christ
 - d) With reverence
2. Husbands to love their wives (5:25-33a)
 - a) As Christ loved the church - self-sacrifice
 - b) As own body - nourishment and warmth

B. Children and fathers (6:1-4)

1. Children to obey
 - a) in the Lord
 - b) It is right.
2. Children to honor parents
 - a) Commandment with promise of well-being
3. Fathers to nurture
 - a) Provoke not children to discouraging wrath.
 - b) Nurture in chastening and admonition of the Lord.

C. Slaves and masters (6:5-9)

1. Slaves to be obedient
 - a) With fear and trembling
 - b) With singleness of heart as unto Christ
 - c) Not in eyeservice pleasing men, but as servants of Christ.
 - d) With good will knowing reward will come from Lord.
2. Masters to act justly.
 - a) Forbear threatening.
 - (1) Knowing Christ, the master of EVERYONE is in Heaven.
 - (2) Knowing Christ is no respect of persons.

QUESTIONS:

1. What does the word "Subjection" mean?
2. A woman's subjection to her husband is like her subjection to whom?
3. In what things are the wives to be subject to their husbands?
4. Give some examples of how a wife can manifest "subjection" towards her husband?
5. What is A husband's "love" for his wife to be like ?
6. What is the Lord's two-fold purpose for the church that lies behind his sacrifice ?
7. How is the "cleansing" of the church like the "new birth"?
8. A husband is to love his wife as he _____ his _____ .
Why?
9. Does God demand the husband to "cater to" his wife?
10. Where does the "cause" for a man to leave his father and mother originate?
11. What does the expression , "the two shall become one flesh" mean (cf. I Corinthians 6:16) ?
12. What mystery was Paul speaking about and how does he describe it?
13. According to 5:33, what does the New Covenant say about "polygamy" ?
14. According to 5:33, the wife is to _____ her husband.
What does this mean?

15. What does "obey - in the lord" mean for the children?
16. Are children to obey their parents even when the parents are not Christians?
17. What does God say about children obeying their parents that some child "experts" refuse to admit as existing as an unchangeable standard?
18. What is the two-fold purpose attached to honoring father and mother?
19. Is the honor due parents limited to childhood obedience?
20. What was the original significance of the promise connected with children obeying their parents (cf. Deut. 5:33) ?
Does the promise still have application to children today?
21. How can a father provoke his child to "wrath" ?
22. What is "chastening" and "admonition" that a father is responsible for doing to his children?
23. Does the New Testament abolish slavery by Command ?
24. Give three descriptions of what the servant's service unto his master is to be "as":
25. What is "eyeservice" ?
26. What kind of heart and attitude must be behind the servant's service?
27. What gives the servant hope about "rewards" ?
28. What are the "same things" that a master must do toward the slave as the slave toward the master?
29. Who and where is the one who is Master of both the slave and his master?
30. What warning should cause the master to treat his servant equitably?