

FATHERS DAY

Happy Fathers Day

6-19-22

Ezekiel 13:5 – “Ye HAVE NOT GONE UP INTO THE GAPS, neither made UP THE HEDGE for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord.”

Ezekiel 22: 30 – “And I sought for A MAN among them, that should MAKE UP THE HEDGE, and STAND IN THE GAP BEFORE ME for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.”

A “Hedge”, Strong’s Hebrew word # 1447 and means “A wall; A place fortified with a wall”; Breaches in the “WALLS OF DEFENSE”. The idea was, that there was a siege and the enemy had opened up “Gaps” or beaches in the walls and it was the duty of the leaders, to go up and defend their country; by filling in the gaps, to stop the inroad of the enemy.

God was looking for “A MAN”, who would stand in the “GAP” and stop the enemy who had “Breached” the country, the church, the family – “To steal, kill and destroy” (John 10:10). Jesus said “I AM COME that they might HAVE LIFE; and that they might have it (Life) ABUNDANTLY”. JESUS STANDS IN THE GAP OF OUR LIVES SO THAT WE CAN HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT ABUNDANTLY.

TODAY, GOD IS LOOKING FOR FATHERS TO STAND IN THE “GAP”, FOR OUR FAMILY, FOR OUR CHURCH, FOR OUR COUNTRY!

Ezekiel 22:31 – “Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them (Leaders that failed to fill in the “Gaps”): I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord God”.

From Ezekiel 22: 25 – 31, God states that all the classes of society; were guilty before the Lord. God states, that when He looked down on the nation of Israel,

He could not find A MAN, not from the the rulers, priests, prophets, magistrates or from the common people, to serve Him and intercede for the nation.

GOD IS LOOKING FOR “A MAN” (A WORKMAN OF GOD).”

GOD IS LOOKING FOR “A MAN”, WHO HAS LEARNED, TO LEAN ON THE LORD.

Proverbs 3:5 – “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding”.

Proverbs 3:6 – “In all thy ways acknowledge him, and He shall direct thy paths” .

In Isaiah 59: 1 – 15; God speaks of the sins of the people of the nation of Israel.

Verse 12 – “For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them;”

Isaiah 59: 16 – 19 - (Read) - (K.J.B.)

Again, God Word says “And He (God) saw that there was NO MAN, and wondered that there was no INTERCESSOR: therefore HIS ARM BROUGHT SALVATION UNTO HIM; and HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, IT SUSTAINS HIM.” (Isaiah 59:16)

Not any man came forward to try to straighten this out, concerning the sins that blanked the nation. I do not know why, but suspect that NO Man came forward in Ezekiel’s time or in Isaiah’s time, BECAUSE OF FEAR. No one came forward, to do the work of God, in this matter.

In the Old Testament Bible, before Isaiah and Ezekiel, we have at least two examples of Men, Abraham (Genesis 18: 23 – 33) and Moses (Exodus 32: 11 -14; Exodus 33:12 – 17; Exodus 34: 8,9; numbers 14:13 – 20; Numbers 16: 22 – 27):who interceded, for the sins of “God’s People”.

So, God sent HIMSELF (THE ARM of GOD), Christ Jesus (The Son of God) to be the Savior. God became MAN and not only did He have righteousness but He was, “The Righteousness of God”.

“For He put on righteousness, as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation upon His head; and He put on the garment of vengeance (For) clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak (Isaiah 59:17)”.

“Righteousness like a breastplate.... A helmet of salvation”; figuratively speaking, the Lord armed Himself, for the deliverance of His people and for taking vengeance on enemies, who were seeking to rob God of His glory and to try to destroy and make invalid, His Word.

The Apostle Paul drew on this terminology, in describing a believers spiritual preparations, for warding off the attacks of Satan (Ephesians 6:14, 17; 1 Thessalonians 5:8).

This was written by the Apostle Paul, who was never married and didn’t have any children but was and is today, a “Spiritual Father”, to untold numbers of “Spiritual” children.

In Ephesians 6: 1 - 9; the Apostle Paul talks about the roles and responsibilities of various segments of society (Children, fathers, servants, master). Even though only Verse 4, deals with “Fathers”; it is some of the best advice on being a “Father” or a “Spiritual Father”; to those who are “Young in the Lord”.

Ephesians 6:4 – “And ye FATHERS, PROVOKE NOT YOUR CHILDREN TO WRATH: BUT BRING THEM UP IN THE NURTURE AND ADMONITION OF THE LORD”.

Just like today with us, we may not be “A father” or “The father” but it is God’s calling upon the MEN of this day; to be “A Spiritual Father” to someone, young in the Lord, today.

1 Thessalonians 2:11 – “As ye know how WE EXHORTED AND COMFORTED AND CHARGED every one of you, as a FATHER doth his CHILDREN,”

1 Timothy 1:2 – “Unto Timothy, MY SON IN THE FAITH: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.”

1 Timothy 5:1 – “Rubuke not an ELDER, but intreat him as a FATHER; and the younger men as breathren;”

I have said many times, over the years; “That there are far too many “MINISTERS” and not enough, “SPIRITUAL FATHERS”, in the Body of Christ and for this Lost and Dying World.

Dwight Moody said “A man ought to live so that everybody knows that he is a Christian....and most of all, his family ought to know”. Being a “Spiritual Father”, starts with those closes to us and then to those in our Church and then out, in our culture around us.

God is still looking for “GODLY MEN”; who will take on the “ARMOR”, that God has for him (Ephesians 6:13 – 17) and use “THE BELIEVERS RESOURCES FROM GOD” (Ephesians 6:18 – 20).

2 Timothy 3:16 – “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction (#3809) in righteousness:”

2 Timothy 3; is about “The Last Days”; before the Second Coming of Christ and the “Apostasy”, that will come before and describes the heart of men (Mankind), before this event. It is about the kind of “Instruction”; that we should not be receiving or giving.

2 Timothy 3: 1 - 5 - (Read) - (K.J.B.)

2 Timothy 3:7 - “Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

The spirit of the “Last Days”; will have a problem with the idea of “True Truth” (The Word of God) altogether. We will be living in a society, where we are well informed in life but only as it applies to us, as the center of our own universe and as we each try to create our own truth.

Charles Spurgeon said, “Train up a child in the way he should go – but be sure you go that way yourself”.

TODAY, WE HAVE SELF CENTERED – SELF ABSORBED CHILDREN – BEING TAUGHT FROM THE SAME KIND OF PARENTS! OUR FAMILYS, OUR CHURCHES, OUR COUNTRY, IS BEING DESTROYED BY “GENERATIONAL CURSES”, AND SOMETHING

HAS TO CHANGE – AND IT WILL - EITHER THE DESTRUCTION WILL BE COMPLETE OR THOSE “GENERATIONAL CURSES” WILL BE BROKEN AND WE WILL BE LIVING THE LIFE, THAT GOD HAS INTENDED FOR US TO LIVE. WE MUST BE THE “FATHERS” THAT BREAKS THESE CURSES!

THAT IS WHY “FATHERHOOD” IS BEING ATTACKED, THE WAY THAT IT IS, IN OUR NATION – SATAN WANTS TO DESTROY OUR FAMILY, OUR CHURCH AND OUR NATION BUT THE “FATHERS”, MUST BE DETERMINED, TO BRIDGE THE “GAPS”, THAT KEEPS OUR FAMILIES, OUR CHURCH, OUR NATION FROM BLESSINGS !

“Had the people, during the Revolution (American Revolutionary War) had a SUSPICION of any attempt to WAR AGAINST CHRISTIANITY, that Revolution would have been strangled in its cradle.... In this age, there can be no substitute for Christianity.... That was the religion of the founders of the republic (This nation) and they expected it to REMAIN THE RELIGION OF THEIR DESCENDANTS”.

Congress, U.S. House Judiciary Committee, 1854

“A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society”. Billy Graham

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