

## **Connecting Our Family to God**

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Each May, I give a friendly reminder about Mother's Day. It is important to me that kindness and thoughtfulness are cultivated in our congregation. Moms are typically unselfish people who are often underappreciated.

The family was God's first struggling congregation. Adam, Eve, Cain, and Abel give us a model of a dysfunctional family. Eve was an un-submitted, gullible wife. Adam was a strong, silent husband who went along with Eve instead of taking a stand. Able was the pleaser who played by the rules. Cain was the rebel who would rather kill than admit he was wrong. Abel was murdered, Cain was banished, and new hope was born with the arrival of Seth. All of this happened before the fifth chapter of Genesis.

The Bible is a transparent book that does not hide the hideous flaws of even its chief characters. Through their sordid stories we see the hopelessness of man without God. We see what a family can become when divine principles are neglected.

Because we live in a fallen world and, currently, a culture where biblical principles are put on par with every other humanistic philosophy, we desperately

need to anchor our families in the Bible. We need to connect to our family, but more importantly, we need to connect our family to God.

Each of us should consider the possibility that we have been influenced by postmodern thinking to see God and the church through a secular, rather than a biblical lens. Paul wrote with the heart of a father about the corrupting influence of Satan in society:

“But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted — you may well put up with it!” (II Corinthians 11:3-4, NKJV).

God help us keep our biblical convictions and convey them to the next generation. Make a plan to make time to connect to your family. Be intentional about what you are teaching your children and make sure you are solid in the Word regarding what you teach.