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OUTLINES FOR A SERIES OF SEVEN SERMONS ON

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

It should be self-evident that as Christians seek improvement in their lives of sanctification, they will be benefited by hearing what God has to say in the Scriptures regarding family living. This topic is especially important when we consider the attacks that have been made on the family unit in recent times. It is in the Christian family that faith is best nurtured. Christians living together in a good family relationship are best able to help each other against the attacks of Satan and come to the aid of any of their number who might begin to falter in "fighting the good fight of faith."

In the following outlines, we include the Bible verses which in addition to the verses of the sermon text supply thoughts that help to carry out the thoughts of the major divisions of the theme of each sermon.

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I. A HUSBAND IS THE HEAD OF HIS HOUSEHOLD  
Ephesians 5:22-25.

Introduction: As goes the family, so the country.  
God's ordinance of marriage.

I. A husband's authority is given to him by God. 22-24.

- A. Wives are to submit, as to the Lord.
  - 1. The man is the head of the woman.
  - 2. Women aren't to feel "put down" by this.
- B. The husband is head, as Christ of the Church.
  - 1. Christ's example of perfect love.
  - 2. His example of love applied to marriage.

Verses: Gen. 2:18f., Ex. 20:12, 14, 17, Deut. 24:5, 1 Cor. 11:3, 1 Cor. 11:8-9, Gal. 3:28, 1 John 4:19.

II. A husband's responsibility is very great. 25.

- A. Husbands should love their wives.
  - 1. Love means understanding, acceptance, forgiveness.
  - 2. Giving love results also in being loved.
- B. There should be love for all in the household.
  - 1. Responsibility for physical needs of the family.
  - 2. Concern for spiritual welfare of the family.

Conclusion: Love is a simple, yet complex answer to problems.

Verses: Mat. 19:5, 1 Pt. 3:7, Col. 3:19, Eph. 5:28-29, Prov. 31:10, 25:24, 1 Tim. 5:8, Gen. 18:19, Job 1:5, Acts 10:2, 1 John 3:16, 4:11.

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## II. THE LIBERATION OF A WOMAN IN MARRIAGE

Genesis 2:18, 21-24.

Introduction: Irresponsible self-gratification as it affects marriage. Abortion and divorce rates today.

I. Marriage was instituted for the good of all. 18a, 21-22.

A. For men. B. For women. C. For children.

Verses: Ps. 127:3, Prov. 18:22, 1 Tim. 3:2, 1 Cor. 7:3,  
Heb. 13:4, Prov. 31:27.

II. Marriage gives a woman purpose and direction in life. 18b, 23-24.

A. There is purpose in life for the unmarried.

B. There is happiness in service at home.

C. There is happiness in service to God.

D. Death will end the need for marriage. A Christian woman's "liberation" now to be replaced by liberation from sin in the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Verses: Titus 2:3-5, Gen. 12:5, Ex. 2:2, Ruth 1:21, Luke 1:38,  
1 Sam. 2:19, Esther 4:14, 2 Ki. 4:10, 1 Cor. 7:13-14,  
Rom. 7:2, Mat. 22:30.

## III. THE DUTY OF PARENTS TO THEIR CHILDREN

Proverbs 22:6.

Introduction: A child's physical needs are important, but not all-important. Spiritual training is needed.

I. Love - Parents should love their children.

A. Children are God's gift to parents.

B. Parents should know children's importance to God.

C. Examples of parents' love for children.

Verses: 2 Cor. 12:14, Luke 11:11-13, 1 Tim. 5:8, Gen. 1:28, 48:9,  
Ps. 127:4-5, Pr. 17:6, Mark 10:14, 16, Mat. 18:1-3, 14,  
John 4:47, Mat. 20:21, John 21:15.

II. Teach - Children should learn the way of God.

A. Christian training is necessary.

B. Training is the duty of the parents.

C. Children can learn the way of God.

Verses: Eph. 4:24, Dt. 31:13, 1 Ki. 9:4-5, 2 Tim. 1:5, Mark 10:15.

III. Correct - Children should be well disciplined.

A. Discipline is a sign of parental love.

B. Lack of correction shows a lack of love.

C. Don't provoke, or discourage the child.

Conclusion: There is only one way to God and His blessing.

That Way is Christ, the "way, the truth, the life."

Verses: 1 Tim. 3:4, Prov. 19:18, 13:24, 29:15, Mat. 10:37,  
Col. 3:21, Ex. 20:5.

## IV. CHRIST REIGNS SUPREME IN THE CHRISTIAN HOME

Joshua 24:15.

Introduction: Joshua's experience of God's mighty presence.

I. We do well to trust in our God.

A. Joshua's trust in God was rewarded.

B. Our trust in God has its rewards.

1. God's guarantee of protection.
2. A blessed marriage and home.

Verses: 2 Pt. 1:16-17, Mat. 17:4, Joshua 24:1, 24:2, Gen. 31:34-35, 35:4, Num. 13:30, Ps. 37:17-18, 127:1, Col. 3:16-23

II. We are blessed by His presence.

A. Joshua was blessed in the conquest; he received a home.

B. We are blessed by our loving Savior's presence.

1. Children are blessed.
2. Brothers and sisters are blessed.
3. Whole households are blessed.
4. Blessings go beyond the home.

Conclusion: We have a choice; let's choose well! *as Joshua did.*

Verses: Joshua 24:31, 19:49-50, Job 1:5, John 1:41-42, Luke 10:42, Ps. 148:11-13, Acts 16:15, 33-34, Mark 5:19-20.

#### V. THE DUTY OF CHILDREN TO THEIR PARENTS

Ephesians 6:1-3.

Introduction: Youth is a time of joy, yet it has responsibilities.

I. Children should obey, as they would the Lord. 1.

A. Obey your parents B. In the Lord, C. For this is right.

Verses: Eccl. 11:9, Job 29:2,4, Prov. 6:20, 23, 23:22, 25, Heb. 13:17, Titus 1:6, Luke 2:51, Rom. 13:1, Luke 10:16, Rom. 13:7, Col. 3:20, Gen. 24:3, 28:1, Dt. 7:3, 2 Chron. 34:1f., Acts 5:29, John 14:6, Eccl. 12:1, Mat. 21:15, Prov. 19:13, 26.

II. Children who honor their parents are blessed by God. 2-3.

A. Honor your father and mother.

B. This is the first commandment with promise.

1. It shall be well with thee.
2. Thou mayest live long on the earth.

Conclusion: There is forgiveness for sinners.

Verses: Prov. 31:28, 1 Tim. 5:4, Lev. 19:32, John 19:27, Lev. 20:6, Is. 40:11, Prov. 4:10, Acts 2:39, Prov. 17:2, Dt. 27:16, Ex. 21:15, 17, Mark 7:13, 2 Tim. 3:1-2, Ps. 130:4, 136:1, Luke 15:24, Ps. 25:7.

#### VI. THE CHRISTIAN HOME - A REFUGE FOR ALL

Psalms 128:1-6.

Introduction: If a man's home is his castle ... it's a refuge.

I. God blesses the family that walks in His ways. 1.

A. The fear of God is a basic requirement.

B. Real honor is shown by walking in His ways.

Verses: Luke 9:58. Jesus' teaching and miracles in Israel.

II. God's blessings provide manifold joys. 2-4.

A. Happiness in work and usefulness.

B. Joy in family relationships.

1. Husband and wife.
2. Parents and children.

Verses: Eccl. 5:10-12, Is. 3:10, 2 Sam. 23:15, Ps. 137:1, 5, 4, Micah 4:4, Ps. 68:6, Gen. 24:67, 21:6, Job 29:5.

III. God makes the Christian home a refuge for all its members from youth to old age. 5-6.

- A. The meaning of blessings "from Zion."
- B. The Refuge that is ours in old age.

Verses: Titus 2:2-4, Luke 2:38, Ps. 71:9, James 5:16, 2 Tim. 4:8, Ps. 23:4.

VII. THE CHRISTIAN HOME, AND THE FAMILY OF GOD

Ephesians 4:1-6.

Introduction: Comparisons between the home and the Una Sancta.

I. Christians live peacefully together as faithful children of God. 1-

- A. They enjoy the "unity of the Spirit."
  - 1. The Una Sancta (described previously)
  - 2. A union in the Spirit, 3. in peace.

- B. They strive to "walk worthy ..."
  - 1. Christians watch themselves, on guard.
  - 2. Christians bear with the faults of others.

Verses: Mat. 6:9, Eph. 2:19, 1:13, 2:1,4,6,8-9, 3:15,21, 1 Peter 2:9, 4:10, Gal. 6:10, Rom. 12:16, 1 Cor. 4:7, Gal. 6:1-2.

II. Children of God are united in the Christian faith. 4-6.

- A. They are one in the Holy Spirit.
  - 1. Even as body and soul are joined ...
  - 2. There is only "one hope of our calling."

- B. They are one in God the Son.
  - 1. There is only one Lord, 2. One faith, and 3. baptism.

- C. They are one in God the Father.
  - 1. He is above all, 2. through all, and 3. In you all, with Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Conclusion: We can expect many things. We can thank God.

Verses: Mat. 5:16.

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NOTE: The following material was done for the 1978-1979 Church Year, and tries to correlate the themes of the sermon texts chosen from each book of the Bible with the festivals of the Church Year as they occur. Though this wasn't part of my assignment, I thought that it might be of some interest and perhaps some use to others.

Though this series on most of the books of the Bible are "free texts," one is still limited a bit by the need to restrict one's search to one book, and usually to a verse in the book that could sum up the writer's message.

There was partial correlation with the Meditations and Sunday bulletin series on heroes and heroines of faith.

SERMON TEXTS AND THEMES DRAWN FROM  
ALMOST EVERY BOOK OF THE BIBLE  
FOLLOWING THE CHURCH YEAR

Advent	Jeremiah 31:31-34. Zechariah 6:12-13. Malachi 3:1, 4:5-6. Isaiah 2:2-5, 7:14.	A NEW COVENANT CHRIST, THE BRANCH TO COME JOHN, THE COVENANT MESSENGER IMMANUEL, THE PRINCE OF PEACE THE SON OF THE HIGHEST GOD RULES IN MAN'S CHANGING WORLD REJOICE IN CHRIST'S EPIPHANY! SAMUEL, THE LORD'S PROPHET "GO TO NINEVEH!" THE MERCY SEAT SHOWING FORTH THE PRAISES OF GOD "FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD" HONOR THE SON! FEAR NOT!
Christmas Day	Luke 1:30-33. Matthew 2:19-23.	
Epiphany	Mark 6:47-56. 1 Samuel 3:19-21. Jonah 1:1-2. Exodus 37:6-9. 1 Peter 2:9, 3:15. James 2:14-18. John 5:23.	
Transfiguration	2 Kings 6:15-23.	
Lenten Services	Psalm 1 Psalm 103 Psalm 32 Psalm 73 Psalm 2 Psalm 130 Psalm 22	A PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL! BE GLAD IN GOD'S FORGIVENESS TRULY, GOD IS GOOD OUR KING RULES IN ZION THERE IS FORGIVENESS WITH CHRIST SING PRAISES TO OUR CONQUERING LORD!
	Genesis 15:7-18. Deuteronomy 8:11-20. Judges 21:25. Ruth 1:22. Hebrews 7:11. 2 Samuel 7:12-14a, 16. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. Galatians 3:6-9. Ephesians 2:1-7. Philippians 1:21.	HOW CAN I KNOW? FORGET NOT THE LORD YOUR GOD! WHERE IS YOUR BACKBONE? THE RIGHT PLACE FOR RUTH WHO ARE YOU, MELCHISEDEC? A THRONE ESTABLISHED FOREVER A REMEMBRANCE OF CHRIST NOW WE ARE AMBASSADORS CHILDREN OF FAITHFUL ABRAHAM DEAD, BUT NOW ALIVE! "FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST, AND TO DIE IS GAIN"
Easter	2 Chronicles 6:30. Col. 3:1-2, 5, 9-10, 12-14. Joel 2:28-32.	GOD KNOWS YOUR HEART SEEK THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE SIGNS FROM THE LORD
Pentecost		ABOVE!
Trinity (July 4)	1 Thessalonians 5:18-23. Genesis 4:3-5. Song of Solomon 2:16a. Amos 8:4-8a, 11. Joshua 20:1-6. Titus 1:5-9. Leviticus 20:22-26. Romans 1:16-17, 3:28. Ezekiel 11:17-21. Numbers 24:17-18. Zephaniah 3:9-10. Proverbs 3:5-6, 25:28.	THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD TWO CHURCHES and Lamentations 1:1a. "SHALL NOT THE LAND TREMBLE?" FIND REFUGE IN CHRIST! THE OFFICE OF A BISHOP AND ELDER A SEPARATE PEOPLE THE FAITH THAT JUSTIFIES GOD'S GIFT: A NEW HEART AND SPIRIT BALAAM'S PROPHECY OF THE MESSIAH THE GOSPEL CALL OF THE LORD ALWAYS LOOK TO THE LORD!

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Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14. I SAW THE GLORY OF GOD!  
 Esther 4:14b. DOES GOD HAVE A PLAN FOR YOU?  
 Job 14:1-6, 14-15. "IF A MAN DIE, SHALL HE LIVE AGAIN?"  
 (Mission Fest.) (Acts 16:13-15.)  
 1 John 3:23. THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD, THAT WE:  
 I. Believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, and  
 II. Love one another as He commands.  
 Reformation Jude 3. CONTEND FOR THE FAITH!  
 Habakkuk 2:4b. "THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY HIS FAITH"  
 Revelation 20:1-6. WE LIVE AND RULE WITH CHRIST TODAY  
 Micah 7:18-20. "WHO IS A GOD LIKE UNTO THEE?"  
 Ecclesiastes 12:1-8. "REMEMBER THY CREATOR!"

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 SOMETHING TO DO, BUT DOESN'T GET YOU ANYWHERE

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IT IS BETTER TO MAKE A LIFE THAN TO MAKE A LIVING

SOME SPEND TIME COUNTING THE COST OF FOLLOWING CHRIST, WHEN THEY  
 SHOULD CONSIDER THE COST OF NOT FOLLOWING HIM

IF YOU ARE SURE OF THE CROWN, YOU ARE NOT WEARY OF THE CROSS

WE ARE SAVED TO SERVE, BUT WE DO NOT SERVE TO GET SAVED

WE HAVE ONLY A FEW SHORT YEARS TO WIN OUR  
 VICTORIES, BUT ETERNITY TO CELEBRATE THEM

WHEN ANGER TAKES OVER,  
 REASON TAKES OFF

THE GREATEST THREAT TO AMERICA  
 IS THE DUST ON THE FAMILY BIBLE

PRAYER IS THE VOICE  
 OF FAITH

THERE IS NO JOY IN KNOWING GOD'S WILL UNLESS YOU DO IT

DEAL WITH THE FAULTS OF OTHERS AS GENTLY AS WITH YOUR OWN

IT WAS NEVER LOVING THAT EMPTIED THE HEART,  
 NOR GIVING THAT EMPTIED THE PURSE

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A YEAR FROM NOW, WHAT WILL YOU WISH YOU HAD DONE TODAY?

YOU CANNOT PLOW A FIELD BY SIMPLY TURNING IT OVER IN YOUR MIND

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