



THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE

TIMELY ADVICE TO WOMEN AND MOTHERS FROM AN OLD COUNTRY PREACHER



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I believe the most important, the most influential, the most powerful position a human being can hold is the position of being a mother.

The purpose of my message today, is to do everything in my power to persuade every woman present (when I say "woman" I am referring to every young girl, every teen-age girl, and every adult female present), to do (basically) four things:

1. Decide today that the number one goal in your life is to be a godly woman. A godly woman is more valuable than the most precious gems. Read Proverbs 31:10.

2. Decide today that you reject the ungodly, anti-family philosophies of this world that will rob you of your opportunity to be a godly woman. Those anti-family philosophies include: Humanism, the Feminist Movement, Planned Parenthood, Hollywood, and TV shows like Desperate Housewives.

3. Marry a masculine, godly man. Decide today that you will not even date a man that is not born-again and walking with God. It is better never to marry than to be married to a sorry, good-for-nothing husband. Don't marry a man unless he loves you like Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it.

4. Have children. Have lots of them. Raising

Godly children and sending them into the world is the most valuable contribution you can make to God and to your country. The first command God gave to the first couple was to "be fruitful and multiply and to fill the earth." I will show you in a moment the price the whole world is going to pay soon for the sin of not doing this.

But first, let me read a poem from which I got the title to this sermon. This poem was written by William Ross Wallace.

The Hand That Rocks The Cradle

By William Ross Wallace

Blessings on the hand of women!
Angels guard its strength and grace,
In the palace, cottage, hovel,
Oh, no matter where the place;
Would that never storms assailed it,
Rainbows ever gently curled;
**For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world.**

Infancy's the tender fountain,
Power may with beauty flow,
Mother's first to guide the streamlets,
From them souls un-resting grow--

Grow on for the good or evil,
Sunshine streamed or evil hurled;
**For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world.**

Woman, how divine your mission
Here upon our natal sod!
Keep, oh, keep the young heart open
Always to the breath of God!

All true trophies of the ages
Are from mother-love imperaled;
**For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world.**

Blessings on the hand of women!
Fathers, sons, and daughters cry,
And the sacred song is mingled
With the worship in the sky--

Mingles where no tempest darkens,
Rainbows evermore are hurled;
**For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world.**

OUR PURPOSE TODAY

Let me repeat again, what the purpose of this message is. Our purpose today is to honor all women; to encourage women; and to try to persuade every woman here that to be a woman is a privilege! To be a woman is an honor! To be a woman and a mother is the most prestigious, more powerful, most important position in the world. And to persuade women to ignore, to resist, to reject the anti-family value system that dominates our culture today.

LET ME READ GOD'S WORD FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

(Matthew 19:3-8)3. "The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? 4. And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, 5. And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? 6. Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together,

let not man put asunder. 7. They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? 8. He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so."

GOD'S WORD FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

I'm going to read some Scriptures I'll bet no one in this room has ever heard on Mother's Day. In fact, I'll bet you've never heard this even used in a sermon on marriage. It is found in the book of Malachi, chapter 2, verses 10-17.

1. Mixed Marriages

10. We are children of the same father, Abraham, all created by the same God. And yet we are faithless to each other, violating the covenant of our fathers!

11. In Judah, in Israel, and in Jerusalem, there is treachery, for the men of Judah have defiled God's holy and beloved temple by marrying heathen wives who worship idols.

12. May the Lord cut off from His covenant every man, whether priest or layman, who has done this thing.

Mixed marriages are a sin. God calls it treachery. In God's plan, we are to marry saved people. It is a sin to have a mixed marriage.

What is a mixed marriage? The Bible says nothing about marrying a person of another color. It says a lot of marrying a person who is not saved. Moses married a Black woman. His sister criticized him and God gave her leprosy.

What is a mixed marriage? A mixed marriage is a marriage between a saved person and a lost person. A saved person should not even date a lost person. Read your Bibles.

2. Playing church and unanswered prayers (verse 13-14a)

"Yet you cover the altar with your tears because God doesn't pay any attention to your offerings any more, and you receive no blessings from

him." 14. Why has God abandoned us?" you cry.

3. Divorce (14-16)

14. Why has God abandoned us?" you cry. I'll tell you why; it is because the Lord has seen your treachery in divorcing you wives who have been faithful to you through the years, the companions you promised to care for and keep."

15. You were united to your wife by the Lord. In God's wise plan, when you married, the two of you became one person in His sight.

And what does God want? Godly children from your union. Therefore, guard your passions! Keep faith with the wife of your youth.

16. For the Lord, the God of Israel, says He hates divorce and cruel men. Therefore, control your passions - - let their be no divorcing of your wives."

4. God Hates it when people ignore the Bible and make up their own rules (verse 17)

17. You have wearied the Lord with your words. "Wearied Him?" you ask in fake surprise. "How have we wearied Him?" By saying that evil is good, that it pleases the Lord! Or by saying, the Lord won't punish us - - He doesn't care."

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A CULTURE REJECTS GOD'S PLAN?

We are going to show a brief video of what's coming to pass in your lifetime. You've heard me say, "The good old days are gone forever." Let me prove my point.

Show Video

IT'S TIME FOR CHRISTIAN WOMEN IN AMERICA TO WAKE UP AND STAND UP!

None of us can be neutral on marriage. We must take God's side or the world's side. There can be no compromise.

1. Stand for God. Be a Godly Woman.

2. Stand up against the Radical Homosexual Agenda.

The Gay-rights movement is anti-family. Homosexuality is sexual perversion and it is a sin. Same sex marriage is a sin.

3. Stand up against the Feminist Movement



The Feminist Movement is anti-family. The Feminists have worked for years to get women out of the home and into the workforce. They make a big deal out of "breaking the glass ceiling."

Feminists, like Betty Friedan pictured above, make "stay home mothers" feel like they are being cheated and look on them with contempt.



Most Feminists support abortion on demand based on "a woman's right to choose." In my opinion, if some people (Feminists, Humanists, Radical Environmentalists, and government bureaucrats) had their way:

- The Federal Government would tell each couple how many children you could have.
- Most children would be aborted and then the parents would be sterilized.
- Children who were lucky enough to escape the abortion chambers and were fortunate enough to be born, would be placed in government owned day-care centers as soon as possible.

4. Stand up against Planned Parenthood



Another evil anti-family organization is Planned Parenthood. Here are some direct quotes from Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood.

Killing Children

"The most merciful thing that a large family does to one of its infant members is to kill it."¹

African-Americans

Margaret Sanger said Blacks, immigrants and indigents were ". . . human weeds,' 'reckless breeders,' 'spawning . . . human beings who never should have been born."²

Sterilization

The founder of Planned Parenthood believed that, for the purpose of racial "purification," couples should be rewarded who chose sterilization.³

Government Control

Sanger said "married couples should be required to submit applications to have a child."⁴

Birth Control

The founder of Planned Parenthood believed

¹Margaret Sanger, *Women and the New Race* (Eugenics Publ. Co., 1920, 1923)
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² Margaret Sanger, *Pivot of Civilization*

³ *Birth Control in America, The Career of Margaret Sanger*, by David Kennedy, p. 117.

⁴ "Plan for Peace." *Birth Control Review*, April 1932

the purpose of birth control was "to create a race of thoroughbreds."⁵

Handicapped and Mentally Ill

Here is what the founder of Planned Parenthood write about the rights of the handicapped and mentally ill, and racial minorities: "More children from the fit, less from the unfit -- that is the chief aim of birth control."⁶

5. Stand up against the Radical Environmental Movement (Deep Ecology)

Every sensible American wants clean water and clean air, but the Environmental Movement has turned into America's new Green Religion.⁷

The religion of Deep Ecology is responsible for much of the emphasis on population control today.

Deep Ecologist look upon people as "cancers" that must be extricated from the earth if "mother" earth is to survive. It doesn't matter to them how they are removed.

Deep Ecologist look upon disease, plagues, and pestilence as nature's (i.e. god's) way of maintaining balance on the earth.

6. Marry a Godly, Masculine Man.



Don't be fooled by a man like Bill Clinton or a Ted Kennedy. It is better to never marry than to be married to a sorry, good-for-nothing husband. Ask

God to send you a man like Chuck Norris.

⁵ *Birth Control Review*, Nov. 1921, p. 2

⁶ *Birth Control Review*, May 1919, p. 12

⁷ Pastor Keith has written an article by that title. It is available on our church website. cbcgainesville.net

7. Get the word "divorce" out of your vocabulary.

There are exceptions and I will be glad to discuss them when we have more time. But remember what we read a few minutes ago. God hates divorce and cruel men.

8. Never give a man sex before marriage. Never agree to live with a man until he has married you.



Men have a saying: "Why own a cow when the milk is free." Don't be a cow. Save yourself for a man who loves you like Christ loved the church.

Let me tell you something I hate about this world. A woman who

"puts out" is called a tramp or a slut. A man who does the same thing is looked upon as a "cool stud."

Every woman he has slept with is just another notch on the grip of his gun. They are just another "trophy" like a deer head hanging on the wall of his office or den.

There are no secrets. If you've given sex to a sorry boy, all of his friends know about it before he gets home.

Not only that, even if he didn't "get any," most guys will lie and say they did and your reputation is damaged.

9. Never even consider dating or marrying a Muslim man.



According to statistics, 10,000 Christian women marry Muslim men every year in the United States alone.

There's an interesting Book titled, "The Islamization of

America." In this timely book, the author exposes the five-step plan Muslims have to take over America.

Here are some direct quotes from Muslim leaders: of turning America into an Islamic state.

- "Thanks to your democratic laws we will invade you!"
- "Thanks to your religious laws we will dominate you!"
- "America will have a Muslim president by the year 2020!"

Muslims Use Five Weapons

According to the author of this book, the forces of Islam are using five (5) weapons to turn America into an Islamic state. He covers this in great detail on pages 55-104. The five weapons are: Lying, Sex, Race, Money, and Terrorism.

The author warned that one of the most effective tools in the hands of Muslim men to spread Islam in the West is marrying non-Muslim women.

Every Christian woman should learn a little about Islam before getting involved with a Muslim man. She owes it to herself to learn what Islam teaches about women. Mohammed's teaching about women will shock them.

Muslim women are not allowed to marry Christian men, but the author said that they do try to seduce Christian men and then pressure those men to convert to Islam. The author deals with this on pages 63-74.

The Status of Women under Islam

Men are superior to women (Surah 2:228). Women have half the rights of men (Surah 2:282). Wives are a possession (Surah 3:14). Women are unclean (Surah 4:43)

What did Mohammed Believe about Women?

Women are less intelligent than men and lack in their capacity to understand religion (Al-Bukhari Vol. 2:254).

Women are a bad omen (Al-Bukhari Vol.

7:30). Women are harmful to men (Al-Bukhari Vol. 7:33)

Marriage Under Islam

Polygamy is allowed (Surah 4:3). A man can divorce his wife by oral pronouncement.(Surah 2:229).

A husband can beat his wife (Surah 4:34). Your children must be raised as Muslims. If he divorces you, he gets custody of the children.

True Sharia law (Islamic law) states that in mixed marriages, the children will follow the better of the two religions. The Quran states that Islam is the only true religion (Surah 3:19).

Should a wife survive her husband's death, a wife who has not converted to Islam gets nothing. If a Muslim husband dies and has no children, the widow receives 1/4 of his estate. If he has children, she receives 1/8.

10. Don't be afraid. Have children. Raise godly children and send them into the world.



The first command God gave Adam and Eve was to multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it (**Genesis 1:26-30**)

26. Then God said, "Let us make people in our image, to be like ourselves. They will be masters over all life – the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the livestock, wild animals, and small animals."

27. So God created people in his own image; God patterned them after himself; male and female he created them.

28. God blessed them and told them, "Multiply and fill the earth and subdue it. Be masters over the fish and birds and all the animals."

29. And God said, "Look! I have given you the seed-bearing plants throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food.

30. And I have given all the grasses and other green plants to the animals and birds for their food." And so it was.

The first command God gave Noah and his sons when they got out of the ark after the flood was to be fruitful and multiply.

(Genesis 9:1-4)

1. God blessed Noah and his sons and told them, "Multiply and fill the earth.

2. All the wild animals, large and small, and all the birds and fish will be afraid of you. I have placed them in your power.

3. I have given them to you for food, just as I have given you grain and vegetables.

4. But you must never eat animals that still have their lifeblood in them.

"The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world."

Raise Godly Children



1. Sing spiritual songs to them while they are still in your womb.

2. Dedicate them to Christ soon after they are born.

3. Have them in Sunday School and church as soon as possible after they are born.

4. Keep them out of day-care. Stay home with them as long as it is possible. If you must work outside of your home, find a Christian baby-sitter or enroll them in a church day-care.

4. Enroll them in a Christian School or teach them at home. The King's children are not supposed to be trained by the King's enemies.

SCRIPTURES GOD EXPECTS PARENTS TO OBEY

Is it really possible for a serious Christian to obey the following Scriptures and still allow his/her children to attend a Public School?

a. (Deuteronomy 6:4-9) This is the

Great Commandment, not The Great Suggestion.



6:4 Hear, O Israel:
The LORD our God
is one LORD:

6:5 And thou shalt
love the LORD thy
God with all thine
heart, and with all

thy soul, and with all thy might.

6:6 And these words, which I command thee
this day, shall be in thine heart:

6:7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto
thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou
sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by
the way, and when thou liest down, and when
thou risest up.

6:8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon
thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets
between thine eyes.

6:9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of
thy house, and on thy gates.

b. (Jeremiah 10:2) "Learn not the way
of the heathen." what does the word
"heathen" mean? Where do people learn the way
of the heathen?

c. (Prov. 19:27) "Cease my son to hear
the instruction that causeth thee to err
from the words of knowledge."

What part of cease do we not understand?

d. (Job 32:8). "There is a spirit in man
and the inspiration of the almighty giveth
him understanding."

e. (Romans 16:19) "I would have you
wise unto that which is good, and simple
concerning evil." This tells us not to expose
our children to evil things.

f. (Colossians 2:8) Don't allow your
children to be taken captive like prisoners
of war.

"Beware lest any man spoil you through
philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of
men, after the rudiments of the world, and not
after Christ."

- - Pastor's Suggestions Continued - -

5. Instill in them early in their lives that they are
special and that God has a plan for their life.

6. Pray for the one they are to marry from the
time they are born.

7. Train them up in the way they should go and
when they are old, they will not depart from it!

SUMMARY

Let me close with some good news for
all of you skeptics who don't think it can be
done, I want to close with true story of a mother
and a son.

This story illustrates what God can do
when parents get married, have children, and
reject the value system of their day. It is the
story of Moses.

Moses parents were slaves. Slaves are
usually poor people. Moses was born at a time
it wasn't a good time to have children . .
especially boys.

Legally, Moses should have been
aborted at birth, much like they do in China
today.

But Moses' parents feared God more than
they feared the wrath of their king and they hid
their son from the government.

When Moses was too old to hide any
more, his parents made a little waterproof basket
and hid him in the bushes in the river. They
instructed his sister, Miriam to watch him
every day to be sure he wasn't eaten by a
crocodile.

GOD IS IN CONTROL



One day Pharaoh's daughter came down to the river and noticed the little basket. She had her servant bring it to her and when she opened it, the little baby touched her heart. She wanted to keep it so she took Moses home. Moses sister, Miriam was there, and asked the

Princess if she needed a baby-sitter. She did and Miriam ran and told her mother. Pharaoh's daughter paid Moses mother to care for him. (Doesn't God have a sense of humor?)

The very man who wanted to kill Moses ended up feeding him, clothing him, and paying for his college education.

A MOTHER'S TRAINING PAID OFF

When Moses was grown, because of his mother's influence, he turned his back on the riches of Egypt and chose to serve the God of his mother.

(Hebrews 11:23-29)

23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.

27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

28 Through faith he kept the Passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

29 By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

This un-aborted baby led an entire nation out of slavery in Egypt, through forty years in the wilderness, and finally to the promised land. A land flowing with milk and honey.

Ten Commandments

This little child that the government wanted aborted gave the world God's greatest code of laws in the history of man. He gave us the Ten Commandments.

Advanced Medical Knowledge

Not only did Moses give us the Ten Commandments. Moses gave the world, in the first five books of the Bible, scientific and medical information that was 3,000 years ahead of modern medicine. I recommend you purchase the book "None of these Diseases" by S. I. McMillan, MD. Dr. McMillan is Jewish medical Doctor who has been converted to Christ.

WHERE DO YOU STAND TODAY?

Each of us must make up our minds and take a stand. You must either stand for God and do things His way, or you will stand with the world and do things their way.

I want to close this service with a video clip of a man performing before a secular audience. This man is an entertainer, not a preacher. But I was greatly impressed by the way he ended his performance.

He wanted to acknowledge Jesus Christ. He is not a coward. He believes in Jesus and he wants the world to know it. Let's watch it. I pray you will be like him.

**God bless you and thank you
for coming today.**