



The Family and Bible School

(A lesson for people of all ages!)

Introduction:

1. The lesson this morning will not only focus on the Bible School but also on the training of children down through out time.
2. Many people think that the Bible School is just for children—the Bible School is for all of God’s children.

I. Old Testament Times

- A. In Old Testaments there were no formal schools. Parents did all or most of the training (Deuteronomy 11:19; 32:46; Proverbs 1:8,9).
- B. There was also a responsibility to the grandchildren (Deuteronomy 4:9).
- C. The parents’ major concern was for the children to know the living God (Proverbs 9:10).
- D. Teaching opportunities (Joshua 4:21).

II. New Testament Times

- A. The synagogue became a very vital part of the Jewish community (John 9:22).
- B. Each Sabbath, the Jews gathered to hear the word of God read. The Muslims saw this and nicknamed the Jews, “the people of the Book.”
- C. The religious instruction that the children received was a supplement to the training they received from their parents.
- D. Children had several key passages to memorize: (Deuteronomy 6:4-5; 11:13-21; Numbers 15:37-41; Psalms 113-118; Genesis 1-5; Leviticus 1-8).
- E. (Luke 2:52).

III. Religious Training Today

- A. God has always wanted the parents to be the main teachers of His word (Deuteronomy 6:6-9).
- B. “... bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4).
- C. The teaching of a mother and grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5).
- D. (Psalms 78:1-8).
- E. (Psalms 119)

Conclusion:

1. As parents, as future parents, as grandparents and future grandparents let us be sure that God is being actively taught in our children’s lives.
2. Let us as Truth seeking people decide now that God will be first in our lives and in the lives of our families (Joshua 24:15).