

Title: Avoiding the Curse
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Malachi 4:5-6

⁵Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”

Children

1: Honour them

Deuteronomy 5:16

¹⁶“Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

Ephesians 6:1-3

¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: ³“that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”

2: Cover their nakedness

Genesis 9:18-27

¹⁸Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham was the father of Canaan. ¹⁹These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated. ²⁰And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. ²¹Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent. ²²And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. ²³But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father’s nakedness. ²⁴So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him. ²⁵Then he said: “Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants He shall be to his brethren.” ²⁶And he said: “Blessed be the LORD, The God of Shem, And may Canaan be his servant. ²⁷May God enlarge Japheth, And may he dwell in the tents of Shem; And may Canaan be his servant.”

3: Give heed

Proverbs 1:8-9

⁸My son, hear the instruction of your father, and do not forsake the law of your mother; ⁹For they will be a graceful ornament on your head, and chains about your neck.

Proverbs 13:1

¹A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.

Colossians 3:20

²⁰Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.

Fathers

1: Train / instruct

Proverbs 22:6

⁶Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Ephesians 6:4

⁴And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Colossians 3:21

²¹Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

2: Discipline promptly

Proverbs 13:24

²⁴He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly.

Proverbs 22:15

¹⁵Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; the rod of correction will drive it far from him.

Proverbs 23:23-14

¹³Do not withhold correction from a child, for if you beat him with a rod, he will not die.

¹⁴You shall beat him with a rod, and deliver his soul from hell.

Proverbs 29:15

¹⁵The rod and rebuke give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.

3: Set the standard

Titus 2:1-5

¹But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: ²that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; ³the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things—⁴that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.