



Chalmette Church of Christ

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“Endangered Species: The Biblical Family”

Approximately twenty years ago, a sociological experiment was initiated that had a single objective: to alter our concept of the “traditional” human family.

To achieve this objective, curriculum was introduced to school children that began redefining the human family as just any group of people that “love” each other and who live together.

The object of this exercise was not intended to foster feelings of acceptance for non-traditional families—families that may have suffered the loss of a father or who may have adopted an orphan from distant lands. The real objective was to distort the definition of a family and to erode moral resistance to immoral “family units”.

Now, we see the effects of these experiments. In our society, a family is no longer predominantly or ideally recognized as the biblical model portrays— one man, one woman, for life. Rather a family can be virtually any group of people functioning together in society.

Secular humanists are now working hard to erase any semblance of the biblical model from public consciousness. Case in point: Sarah Palin was nominated as the Republican Vice-Presidential candidate. She was instantly praised for her family values. But her political enemies wasted no time pointing out obvious failures in her immediate household.

Andrew J. Cherlin, professor of Sociology and Public Policy at Johns Hopkins University, gleefully seized the opportunity to proclaim an end to the traditional human family:

What is important today, in other words, is not who you live with—and how you’re legally bound to them—but rather how you feel about them.

He then concludes:

If the trend toward embracing greater diversity continues, however, convention stages a generation from now

could easily look quite different from this year’s. We could

all be watching as a gay or lesbian candidate shouts out to his or her “rock” or “inspiration”: a same-sex partner, smiling from the VIP box.

Welcome to our post-modern world. Forget the Bible, forget the whole of human social history, forget past legal precedents, what matters now— more than anything else—is how you feel about your family.

Cherlin and his cohorts are working hard to ensure you do not ever see a happy, successful biblical family—ever. In his world, it doesn’t exist. Which explains why they are working so hard to make sure you see all the flaws which may be present in any “traditional” family.

And note this: Cherlin is planning to break all traditional bounds—within one generation. And he has plenty of help as elected officials dance on the end of a string for powerful social lobbyists.

There is an important lesson to learn here: Satan is patient. He’ll accept the results next week, but is just as content to wait for the payoff to come in the next generation.

If you pay close attention, he is telling you his plans. Paul says it like this, “we are not ignorant of his devices” (2 Cor. 2:11). Or at least, we shouldn’t be.

The problem is that far too many Christians silently, passively accept one tiny compromise after another. Then, when a “really important” issue comes to the surface, we kick and scream “family values”. One preacher recently sent out an email crying and bemoaning the homosexual agenda at work in the current election cycle. Meanwhile, he is in his third marriage (i.e. due to his adultery). Is it any wonder the world is finding our arguments for biblical families less than convincing? Changes are coming. Yes, even to a small town near you. Are you ready? You should be taking every opportunity to teach your children and grandchildren the biblical family model. More importantly, you should be living it. May God help us all to be conformed to His image and reject the world.

By: Jared Jackson

Dear Brethren,

I must apologize for the delay of this letter. As you may well know I do not have regular access to the internet and I only just now received your address from a friend who lives in the states. Here is the letter that I sent out last month.

Dear Brethren,

Greetings and Thanks:

Greetings from a very hot Cape Town South Africa. It has been almost five months since I left the states but it does feel much longer. I am doing well and I hope that the same can be said for you. I would like to thank you for your willingness to support me in my endeavors to spread the Gospel in Cape Town South Africa. Your contributions to my work here is very valuable. Thank you for placing your faith in me, this goes along way in encouraging any missionary to continue to do the work of the Lord.

The Work:

Much has changed in my country and things are not as I left them, but I guess that this is to be expected. The decline in morality is shocking and religious error seems to be taking center stage on TV. Gay marriages have been legalized and God cannot be mentioned in the school anymore. These things must seem all too familiar to you considering that the USA is a tough one but a good one. I have found that it is tough to break through the barriers of denominationalism because many in these parts do not even know that there is such a thing as the Church of Christ. I have just recently concluded a study with a Catholic couple, unfortunately when we came to baptism they refused to except Bible teaching choosing rather to believe their priest whom they consulted on the matter. I wrote their priest a letter and asked him if he would like to sit down and explain to this couple where he gets the Bible authority to say such things, he refused and proceeded to call me "a no account youngster who is ignorant in Bible matters and one that should be prayed for and avoided." That was the end of that matter and I just recently heard that because of this the Local Catholic Church was cautioning their members against people such as myself. I hardly expected to get opposition so soon but when darkness and error are exposed there will be opposition but we press on fighting

the good fight. The congregation which I attended recently had a young man named Theodore Lot who came forward to be baptized. Since then I have been engaging in a study with this young man every week, he is a former drug addict and has recently finished his rehab so this is a vital time for him. Please keep him in your prayers. I am currently trying to get a study with a young married couple, Elroy and Magrietta Herman. Please keep them in your prayers. I have on my calendar a planned door knocking for the month of January. The funds that you sent will aid greatly in the printing and translating of tracts and acquiring African Bibles for study purposes. I thank you that you have answered the call of God in spreading and helping to spread His most glorious gospel. I will keep you updated and informed about my progress here every two months my next will be February 1st.

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See if you can answer the following questions:

Answers from last week:

1. The people trampled him to death 2. The corpse came back to life 3. Ahab 4. Deceit 5. Had him slaughtered, so that her husband could take possession of his vineyard

Jezebel

1. Which other queen in Jezebel's direct family had her own grandchildren slaughtered?
2. Why did Elijah go to Beer-sheba?
3. How did Jezebel die?
4. Who was present when she died?
5. What did the prophet prophesy concerning Jezebel's death?

Tune in next week to see if you got all the answers correct!



Cleaning Schedule

Month of January— Sherry and Melissa

Upcoming Events

January 18- Singing and Fellowship Meal

January 30- Ladies Game Night

Prayer List

Mary Jo Lance
Malcolm Vasquez
Muriel Jones
Joe Riley
Alice Riley
Maggie Fletcher
Bill Burchett
Buck Hall
Sherry Towle
Bob Spurlin
Catherine Grant
Kathleen Grant Dunn
Sonny Adams
Betty Grisham
Paul Roberts
Melinda London
Loyce Sexton



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across the United States

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Services of The Church
Sunday

Bible Classes 9:00 am
AM Worship 10:00 am
PM Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 pm

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Grass Cutting

Schedule

January 18 - 24 Anthony Smith

January 25 - 31 Anthony Smith



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