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Father's Day Thoughts

The game was tied at four and it was the next to last inning. Braden was pitching and he had the batter at an 0 - 2 count (no balls two strikes). The last thing you want to do as a pitcher is throw a down the pipe pitch with an 0-2 count. The coach yells out for all to hear, "DO NOT GIVE THIS KID A PITCH TO HIT!" Braden threw the ball right down the pipe and the kid stroked the ball for a home run. After the inning was over the coach called the pitcher over to him. The boy was boo hooing because he gave up the home run. Coach said, "get over here, its time to grow up, stop all that crying and listen." He then proceeded to instruct the boy on his error. That night I thought about the coaches remarks. I was the assistant coach with my boy on the team. Was it time for these boys to "grow up?" It most certainly was.

There comes a time in a boys life when its time to "grow up" and stop bawling over every little matter. The transition of being a little boy to a young man is difficult yet necessary. This article is not, however, about twelve year old boys making the transition from being boys to young men. Its about dads and their role with their children. Today is Father's Day. A day when we show gratitude, appreciation, and thankfulness for our dads. Dads play a big role in their children's lives. Children also play a big role in dads life.

I was listening to a song on the way home from Houston last week called, "Daddy's Hands" by Holly Dunn. The young lady was singing about her dad's hands how that they were at times soft and kind when she was crying, hard as steel when she had done wrong, and Daddy's hands were not always gentle but there was always love in Daddy's hands. I thought about my two little girls and my three boys and nearly started crying. I do love them so.

Local News:

Welcome to all our visitors:

We pray that you will be edified by our service and that you will ask questions if things are not as you are accustomed to seeing. Please do come back at your every opportunity!

Baptisms!

Elijah Mixon was baptized Sunday evening June 6th. Our hearts rejoice with the Mixon family. Michael Hearn was also Baptized on Sunday June 13th.

Summer Gospel Meeting:

Mark August 22nd through the 27th on your calendars for our 2010 summer gospel meeting.

Dennis Scroggins of Lometa Texas will be doing the preaching. The elders have set the time for each nightly meeting (i.e., Monday through Friday) at 7:00 PM (Normal times on Sunday). There will also be a daily Bible study with Dennis at 9:30 AM Monday through Friday.

Continue to pray for our shut-ins:

Stella Davidson
696-1030 (Home)

Calvin York
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Ila Belle Windham
(at home but request no calls at this time).

What father would give his child a rock rather than a piece of bread (Luke 11:11)? What father would it be that would not instruct his sons and daughters in the ways of righteousness (Proverbs 10:1; 22:6)? What father would irritate and exasperate their sons and daughters to the point of discouraging them (Ephesians 6:4)? What father is there that would not discipline their sons and daughters when they had done wrong (Proverbs 13:24; 23:13)? What father would not love his children (Titus 2:4)?

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a dad? Please let me share a few words on the matter. Dads love their children very much. Dads are hard as steel on the kids at times because they want them to see the value of God's standards of truth. At times a dad may tell his son to stop crying, straighten up, and its time to be strong. Dads will sit down with their daughters and reason with them about their clothing, makeup, and jewelry. Dads, at times, will take off their belt and wallop the kids when they do wrong. Dads will also hold, hug, and comfort when the child has been injured or emotionally bothered. Dads can also tell some of the best bedtime stories.

Dad's literally watch their children grow up before their eyes. When its all said and done. The child is no longer a child. The child grew into a man or a woman. It will be the dad who looks back and sees the young Bible class student, baseball player, soccer player, and so forth. It will be the dad who sits in his garage, eyes swelled up with tears of unexplainable origins, while he contemplates the lives of his children. Why is it that we secretly cry when no one is looking as we think back on the lives of our children? It is because we love them very much. Always have and always will. God has truly blessed the man who has children. Solomon wrote, "*Lo, children are a heritage of Jehovah; and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows in the hand of a mighty man, So are the children of youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: They shall not be put to shame, When they speak with their enemies in the gate*" (see Proverbs 127:3-5).

Have a great Father's Day.

John P. Robertson

The Day of Judgment

Introduction:

The Apostle Peter wrote, "*But the heavens that now are, and the earth, by the same word have been stored up for fire, being reserved against the **day of judgment** and destruction of ungodly men*" (2 Peter 3:7). We sing the song, "There's A Great Day Coming" to remind us of the necessity to be ready for the judgment day. Are you ready for the judgment day? This lesson shall examine what the judgment day is, what will happen on judgment day, and where people spend their eternity.

I. What is the Judgment Day?

- A. A day when mankind will give account of their deeds while among the living (Matthew 12:36; 2 Corinthians 5:10).
- B. A day when the fierce wrath of God will be poured out upon the ungodly:
 - 1. The prophets Isaiah, Hosea, Amos, Joel, and Micah foretold of God's fierce anger and wrath against Israel for her sin (see Isaiah 13:9; 34:8ff; 63:1-6). Assyria would be the "rod of mine (God's) anger" (Isaiah 10:5-6; Hosea 11:5; 13:16). Joel said that the day of God's judgments would be "darkness, gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness" (Joel 2:2 see also Amos 8:9-10). Amos tells them to "*prepare to meet thy God*" (Amos 4:12).
 - 2. The prophets Jeremiah, Habakkuk, and Zephaniah foretold of Judah's judgments. God's fierce anger and wrath would be poured upon them for their unwillingness to repent of sins (see Jeremiah 30:24; Lamentations 4:11; Zephaniah 3:8).
 - 3. The Apostles foretold of the same wrath, anger, indignation, and fury that will be unleashed by the hands of God upon those who refuse to mold their lives to the standard of divine revelation (see Romans 2:5; Revelation 14:9-12, 18-20).

II. What will happen on Judgment Day?

- A. No man knows when it will happen (Matthew 24:36-44).
- B. The Lord Jesus Christ shall come to claim his own (1 Thessalonians 4:15-18).
- C. The earth will be destroyed with fervent heat (2 Peter 3:8-13).
- D. The book of life will be opened and each man's life will be laid along side the standard of truth (John 12:48; Revelation 20:12-15).

III. Where will people spend their Eternity?

- A. The wicked will be cast into a lake of fire that burns for all eternity (Revelation 20:10, 14-15).
- B. Those who overcome evil in this world (the righteous) shall be permitted into heaven for all eternity (Revelation 21:1-7).

Conclusion:

What will you be found doing when the Lord comes? Where will you spend your eternity?