

# Biblical Parenting – 1 The Purpose of Parenting

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Outline of the course:

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## God's Purpose for the Family

### I. What is the significance of the family?

#### A. Three views from the World.

Idol

Tool

Obstacle

#### B. God's view

Image-bearers

#### C. But what about sin?

## II. The family is central to God's revelation of Himself, His plan of salvation, and the Church.

### A. The family presents a portrait of God Himself

it is difficult to speak of the Trinity accurately without speaking of God the Father and God the Son.

From these passages we learn an important lesson: ***Our love for, unity with, and likeness to our children bears witness to God's very nature.***

### B. The family presents us a portrait of the Gospel

If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God's child, and having God as his Father. If this is not the thought that prompts and controls his worship and prayers and his whole outlook on life, it means that he does not understand Christianity very well at all. For everything that Christ taught, everything that makes the New Testament new, and better than the Old, everything that is distinctively Christian as opposed to merely Jewish, is summed up in the knowledge of the Fatherhood of God. "Father" is the Christian name for God. (*Knowing God*, p. 201)

### C. The family presents a portrait of the Church

Finally, the family draws an equally stunning portrait of the church. Peter calls the church the "family of God" (1 Peter 4:17). Paul calls the church "God's household" (1 Tim. 3:15).