

## Strength in Our Families

We are in a total war against the family. There are two areas in which the enemy makes his strongest attack: against the relationship between husband and wife and against sons and daughters. Pharaoh went after the boys (twice) and the enemy of *Adonai* is doing the same thing today. My mother used to say: "*Mas sabe el diablo por viejo que por diablo*" (the devil is much more knowledgeable because he is old than because he is the devil). The strategy of the enemy is always shown to us in Scripture, if we would only search for with our whole heart. Why are congregations destroyed and the people are scattered? Do you think that the breakdown of the family unit has something to do with this?

1. **Strong Husbands** - we need husbands with convictions and with vision (revelation). We need to ask *Adonai* to help us raise up godly men.

*(Isa 24:5-6)*

*5 The land lies defiled under its inhabitants; because they have transgressed the teachings, changed the law and broken the everlasting covenant.*

*6 Therefore a curse is devouring the land, and its inhabitants are punished for their guilt. It is why those living there waste away, and the people left are few.*

2. **Virtuous Wives** - with great trust for *Adonai*.

*10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.*

*11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.*

*12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.*

*13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.*

*14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.*

*15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.*

*16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.*

*17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.*

*18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.*

*19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.*

*20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.*

*21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.*

*22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.*

*23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.*

*24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.*

*25 Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.*

*26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.*

*27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.*

*28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.*

*29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.*

*30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.*

*31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.*

(Prov 31:10-31)

3. **Wise Fathers** - who listen and praise. Fathers who listen to their children when they speak to them. Young people need praise, those who praise them, win them over.

*4 Fathers, don't irritate your children and make them resentful; instead, raise them with the Lord's kind of discipline and guidance. (Eph. 6:4)*

4. **Joyful Mothers** - women with inner contentment. All things *Adonai* allows to happen to you He intends for joy, happiness, growth. But Satan will turn *Adonai's* opportunities into bitterness, complaining, anger, etc., if we let him do so.

*13 A son who is a fool is his father's ruin, and a nagging wife is like a leak that keeps dripping. (Prov 19:13)*

*15 A leak that keeps dripping on a rainy day and the nagging of a wife are the same.(Prov 27:15)*

5. **Mature Sons** - sons that make wise commitments to *Adonai*. Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not be defiled and disobey *Adonai*. This one commitment kept Daniel throughout his entire life.

*8 But Dani'el resolved that he would not defile himself with the king's food or the wine he drank, so he asked the chief officer to be excused from defiling himself. (Dan 1:8)*

6. **Radiant Daughters** - who guard their heart, which is their greatest treasure. Daughters, do not quickly give away your heart to anyone!

*23 Above everything else, guard your heart; for it is the source of life's consequences. (Prov 4:23)*

7. **Lasting Marriages** - marriages based on covenant vows.

*24 This is why a man is to leave his father and mother and stick with his wife, and they are to be one flesh. (Gen 2:24)*

8. **Obedient Children** - children that grow in character and honor their fathers and their mothers

*1 Children, what you should do in union with the Lord is obey your parents, for this is right.*

*2 "Honor your father and mother" - this is the first commandment that embodies a promise -*

*3 "so that it may go well with you, and you may live long in the Land." (Eph 6:1-3)*

9. **Secure Babies** - whose will is submitted

10. **Well-Kept Property** - Being neat and clean in all their jurisdiction