

Training, Guarding & Dedicating the Next Generation

Introduction (Arroyo)

The word “training” in the context of educating comes from the Hebrew root for “teaching” לָמַד (*lomed*), “guarding” comes from the Hebrew root שָׁמַר (*shamar*), and dedicating comes from the Hebrew root חָנַךְ (*chanak*), where we get the name of the Feast of Dedication, *Chanukah*. Scripture gives us, not only instructions but as we will discuss in this workshop panel, the equivalent of “military orders” to a sentinel on guard duty to: *lomed*, *shamar* and *chanak* the youths in our house (our children, spiritual and natural), our *yeladim beitnu*. Look at the Hebrew words in the following foundational Scriptures for our workshop:

And יְהוָה said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do (His plans); Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I know (from יָדַע, yodea) him, that he will command (from צִוָּה, tzevah) his children and his household after him, and they shall keep (from שָׁמַר, shomer) the way (from הַדְרֵךְ, ha-derech) of יְהוָה, to do justice and judgment; that יְהוָה may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him. (Gen 18:13; 17-19)

*For even if you have ten thousand trainers in connection with the Messiah, **you do not have many fathers**; for in connection with the Messiah Yeshua it was I who became your father by means of the Good News. (1 Cor. 4:15, JNT, emphasis added)*

Someone who had escaped came and told Avram the Hebrew, who was living by the oaks of Mamre the Emori, brother of Eshkol and brother of ‘Aner; all of them allies of Avram. When Avram heard that his nephew had been taken captive, he led out his trained men (yelidei beito, literally, the youths of his home), who had been born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan... (Gen 14:13-14)

Train up (*chanak*) a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it. (Prov. 22:6)

The “someone” (literally, *the fugitive*) who came to Avram Avinu was Og, king of Bashan, according to Jewish tradition. We all know what will ultimately befall Og. Avram Avinu armed his “*yelidei beito*” literally the “youths of his home” (his children) and pursued and routed the enemy. The Artscroll Chumash refers to this group as “his disciples,” i.e., his *talmidim*. No wonder Scripture refers to our children as gifts and arrows for waging war:

Children too are a gift from ADONAI; the fruit of the womb is a reward. The children born when one is young, are like arrows in the hand of a warrior. How blessed is the man who has filled his quiver with them; he will not have to be embarrassed when contending (waging war) with foes at the city gate. (Ps 127:4-5)

Avram Avinu succeeded in defeating the enemy and was met by both the king of Sodom (the rewards of this world) and the king of Salem (the cohen of the Most High, El Elyon), Malki-Tzedek, and was given the opportunity to have great reward for his effort: either an earthly reward or a heavenly reward (See, Gen 14:16-23). What did Avram Avinu choose? He chose to invest (pay tithes) rather than to receive the spoils of possessions. Are there eternal implications of such a choice? The Artscroll Chumash states: “By giving tithes to Melchizedek, Abraham symbolized that his descendants would give maseh [tithes] to the Levites [ministry]” (page 65 commentary on verse 20). This is why Scripture tells us how Rabbi Sha’ul and Yeshua felt about this: “...remembering the words of the Lord Yeshua himself, ‘There is more happiness (it is more blessed to give than to receive) in giving than in receiving.’” (Acts 20:35)

Overview of Training, Guarding & Dedicating the Next Generation

Abraham was the Spiritual Leader of His Family

The first Husband (Adam) Failed as a Shomer

The Husband's Responsibilities: Like Yeshua as a cohen, prophet and king

Love Your Wife, Receive Input, Make Decisions, Initiate Action, Nourish and Cherish, Give Praise

A Key to Joy and Fruitfulness

The attitude of reverent awe for G-d and His Word, contrary to what we might expect, is **the key** to experiencing the kind of joy that only G-d can give.

The Ultimate (Most Recent) Revelation of G-d, He is Our Father

The first word in any Hebrew dictionary is the word אב, Av, that is, father. Amazing! The *bereshit* of the Hebrew language is fatherhood! G-d created the universe as a Father. *“For this reason, I fall on my knees before the Father, from whom every fatherland (patria) in heaven and on earth receives its name.”* (CJB, Ephesians 3:14-15)

Yeshua Reveals the Father

Are There Benefits in Knowing the Father?

Identity, Self-Worth, Awareness of a Home in Heaven, Total Security, Motivation for Service

The Father as Cohen

Offering Thanksgiving, Making Intercession, Making the Way for Salvation, Exercising Faith for His Children

The Father as Prophet

Representing God by Example, Representing God through Teaching, Communicating Both Ways, Saving Your Family in the Last Days

The Father as King

Walking in Abraham's Steps

Order in the Heavenly Family

Discipline in the Home

When We, Fathers, Fail

Malachi's Diagnosis

How Will You Respond?

All Summed Up in One Word

Perhaps We Have Failed

Take Two Simple Steps

Take Steps to Succeed

Take Your Place as Head of Your Family, Trust G-d for the Grace You Need, Study Your Job Description, Give Your Job All the Time It Takes