Round Top Church Christian Fellowship

***Mother’s Day***

***Genesis 1-5***

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The Year of Our Lord

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(All Scripture is from the New American Standard Bible, unless otherwise noted.)

Today is “Mother’s Day”. There is one thing we all have in common. We have a biological mother. We know that some people are raised by others due to adoptions. What goes along with “Motherhood” is “Fatherhood”. Once again, we are all joined in this biological binding that God created. God is the creator of life and the sustainer of life. God is in the life business.

God created the world with a choice. We continually remind others, as part of our witness, that God is love and love is a choice. God loves life. Life and love are intrinsically woven together. Eternal love produces eternal life. John 3:16 witnesses this truth to the world. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

The only way “love” is a value in life is it must be chosen over other alternatives. The opposite choice from love-life is sin and death. We know there are other beings who are in the non-life business. Satan leads the pack. And then there are those who follow Satan. Therefore, there is an eternal struggle between life and death, love and sin.

God chose women to carry life in the womb. (Genesis 3:14-16)

We see in Scripture, due to Eve’s choice in the Fall of humanity, there is an eternal struggle between women and Satan. Of course, this is prophetic, in that God points to the Messiah to come.

14 The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, And dust you will eat All the days of your life;

 15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman,

 And between your seed and her seed;

He shall bruise you on the head,

And you shall bruise him on the heel."

 16 To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you will bring forth children; Yet your desire will be for your husband, And he will rule over you."

Since Eve, there is a lineage to Christ. There are many women in the Biblical genealogy to Christ. Here are a few well-known women in the Bible who delivered children in this world.

Eve - The first mom…. Mother of Cain and Abel

Sarah -mother of Isaac

Hanna – mother of Samuel

Nitzevet – mother of David

Bathsheba - mother of Solomon

Mary – mother of John the Baptist

Mary – mother of Jesus

The key point about all of them is that they were instruments of God. We do not know when Eve lived. Starting with Sarah, (husband Abram, who lived about 2000 B.C.) to Mary, Jesus’s mother, we see God interacting with people to accomplish His covenant goals. “I will be your God and you will be my people. (Leviticus 26:12)

Motherhood and fatherhood started with God creating Adam and Eve with a goal of producing children. Reading Genesis 1:27 in the raw form of Hebrew we see the express truth that women and men are created “equally” in the image of Elohim (God).

27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

‎**27** וַיִּבְרָ֙א אֱלֹהִ֤ים׀ אֶת־הָֽאָדָם֙ בְּצַלְמ֔וֹ

בְּצֶ֥לֶם אֱלֹהִ֖ים

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 (Genesis 1:27 WTT)

And Created Elohim with the man in His image

Image of God

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In verse 28, God positioned people, created in His image, to manage the earth and all life on the earth. This is a blessing and a great responsibility. The idea presented is for people to rule the earth as God would, being that people are created in God’s image.

 28 God blessed them; and God said to them,

"Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

God’s charge was to be fruitful and multiply, not to murder life. We know all too well the account of Cain and Abel (Genesis 4). After Abel’s murder, did Eve have more children? Yes, she did. Seth was the son after Abel. We take note of Eve recognizing that it is God who gives life in the form of her new son, Seth.

Genesis 4:25 Adam had relations with his wife again; and she gave birth to a son, and named him Seth, for, she said, "God has appointed me another offspring in place of Abel, for Cain killed him."

This verse is the citation in Scripture, after the Fall and the murder of Abel, where we see that Adam and Eve recognized God in their lives and that it was God who is the giver of life.

**Sarai/Sarah the wife of Abram**

 It is important to see that the covenant God established with Abram is to fulfill God’s original plan to populate the earth with people who recognized Him as God.

**Genesis 17:1** Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; Walk before Me, and be blameless.

 2 "I will establish My covenant between Me and you,

And I will multiply you exceedingly."

 3 Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying,

 4 "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you,

And you will be the father of a multitude of nations.

 5 "No longer shall your name be called Abram,

But your name shall be Abraham;

For I will make you the father of a multitude of nations.

 6 "I will make you exceedingly fruitful,

and I will make nations of you, and kings will come forth from you.

 7 "I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations

for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you.

 8 "I will give to you and to your descendants after you,

the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan,

for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

 9 God said further to Abraham,

"Now as for you, you shall keep My covenant,

you and your descendants after you throughout their generations.

Almost 500 years later, we see this same covenant statement repeated in the Law given to Moses by God in Leviticus 26:9-12.

9 'So I will turn toward you and make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will confirm My covenant with you.

10 'You will eat the old supply and clear out the old because of the new.

 11 'Moreover, I will make My dwelling among you, and My soul will not reject you.

 12 'I will also walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.

 God created the creation to carryout His plan. It takes both father and mother to accomplish the covenant goals God has set before people. God has laid-out His choice for life before every married man and woman who have children. God’s covenant is carried through children. We see this with the children of Abram, Isaac, and Jacob. (Genesis 17:21; Exodus 2:24; Leviticus 26:42).

God’s plan for life is basic and simple. As always, God’s plan centers around His Spirit working in the hearts of people. This is foundational to success. With God’s Spirit comes His love working in heart and minds. Through this loving environment, children are brought into the world and nurtured by fathers and mothers who have made a commitment to God. This commitment is declared in a wedding declaration. Through marriage, God constitutes the relationship to continue His covenant of “love and life”.

Genesis 2:21-25

21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place.

 22 The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.

 23 The man said, "This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."

 24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

 From this biblical account, we can see that God created both (a) man and (a) woman from one body. For this reason (verse 24), life shall be created through (a) man and (a) woman when they are physically joined. There is not any other method under which this can occur Life is not to be “Frankenstein-ed” in a petri dish or test tube. Where is the father or mother of a petri-dish or a test-tube? Oh, yes, I should have known… The State. See what happens to this state-plan. This is an extreme case (Romania). But any state-run system for children is not God’s plan.

Nicolae Ceaușescu was a Romanian communist politician and leader. <https://www.pri.org/stories/2015-12-28/half-million-kids-survived-romanias-slaughterhouses-souls-now-they-want-justice>

 If the family unit God established to which we should adhere is not followed, then God’s covenant goals are not achieved. The result of abandoning God’s family-plan is the destruction of life. Life on earth depends upon mankind implementing and carrying-out God’s family-plan. How is this so?

In order to raise a child to be responsible, to manage (rule over) the creation as God declared, that child must be raised by parents who worship the Lord. Remember that God is the God of life. Therefore, all the managing of this creation by people is to further life. God intends for men and women to manage the earth’s resources to sustain life.

There are many other plans out there that do not sustain life. To have a chance to manage the creation, a person must first be conceived and then born alive. We have seen war after war and oppressive governments that kill life in order to carry-out the whims of their prideful regimes. In addition, we all know of the international organization known as Planned Parenthood (P.P.) who is responsible for millions of aborted lives since Roe v. Wade (1973). I just watch a film called “Unplanned.” This film is about a Director (Abby Johnson) of the P. P. shop in College Station, Texas who resigned after years of working for them. A local “for life” ministry kept witnessing to her. One day she responded. Praise God.

P. P. has a Global objective to reduce the world’s population. They see that people of color are the lower forms of humanity and thus, their populations need to be decreased. I say this as a historical fact documented through organizations like Life Dynamics who produced the video Maafa 21.

<https://www.maafa21.com/> <https://lifedynamics.com/>

P. P. is diametrically opposed to God’s plan for family. Of course, P.P. has many financial supporters throughout the world. This means that ~~a~~ there is a heavy political will from a large number of people who support their work.

God’s plan calls for believing men and women to marry and to be fruitful in producing children. We do see that there are those in the Bible who were not married and served the Lord. With these individuals, marrying and being fruitful with children was not part of their life to which God called them. This was a rare occurrence of God’s will.

Matthew 19:12 For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it." (ESV)

 Being a mother is based on marrying a Believing man. This is why it is so important to be equally bound in marriage.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18)

14 Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?

 15 Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?

 16 Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE. (Leviticus 26:12)

 17 "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you. (Isaiah 52:11)

 18 "And I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me," Says the Lord Almighty.

 Many of you know during my 20-year tenure here in Round Top, I have been hesitant to perform wedding ceremonies. The Church of God is not a Vegas wedding chapel for rent. Neither should God’s ministers be for rent.

 Even with precautions taken, I have experienced people will tell you anything to satisfy the questions.

 Proverbs 31 has a Biblical description of a woman whose heart is focused on God.

 26 She opens her mouth in wisdom, And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

 27 She looks well to the ways of her household,

And does not eat the bread of idleness.

 28 Her children rise up and bless her;

Her husband also, and he praises her, saying:

 29 "Many daughters have done nobly, But you excel them all."

 And so, it is the will of God that we honor all Mothers on this day and every day. And with this honor we also pray for them. For their task, along with their husbands, is to continue God’s covenant through their children. So, in this covenant line, in the course of time, long ago. . . Speaking of Mary. . . .

21 "She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

 22 Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

 23 "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US." **(Matthew 1:21-23)**