

# **“The Immediate Family”**

## **Gen. 18:19**

### Introduction

- I. The family has largely been under attack for quite a while.
- II. Many have tried to redefine what the family is to be.
- III. God has already defined the family and the roles therein.

### Discussion

- I. The role of the husband
  - A. Husbands are the leaders of the family.
  - B. Husbands have specific instructions from God (Eph. 5:25-30; Col. 3:19; 1 Pet. 3:7).
  - C. Examples of husbands doing good.
    1. Jacob (Gen. 29)
    2. Boaz (Ruth 3-4)
- II. The role of the father
  - A. Fathers are very important when it comes to children.
  - B. The father is given the responsibility of making sure that his children are reared correctly (Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21; Prov. 22:6).
    1. Nurture involves encouragement.
    2. Admonition involves correction and discipline (Heb. 12:9-10; Prov. 13:24).
  - C. Examples of fathers doing good.
    1. Abraham (Gen. 18:19)
    2. Joshua (Jos. 24:15)
- III. The role of the wife
  - A. Wives are the adequate helpers of their husbands.
  - B. Wives have specific instructions from God (Gen. 2:18; Eph. 5:22-23; Titus 2:4-5).
  - C. Examples of wives doing good.
    1. Sarah (1 Pet. 3:5-6)
    2. Elizabeth (Luke 1:60)
- IV. The role of the mother
  - A. Mothers are sacrificial and supportive.
  - B. Mothers have specific instructions from God (Titus 2:4-5; 1 Tim. 5:14).
  - C. Examples of mothers doing good.
    1. Hannah (1 Sam. 1)
    2. Lois and Eunice (2 Tim. 1:5)
- V. The role of children
  - A. Children are a blessing (Psm. 127:3-5).
  - B. Children are to be obedient to their parents (Eph. 6:1-2).
  - C. Children are to honor their fathers and mothers (Eph. 6:2).

### Conclusion

- I. As goes the family, so goes the nation.
- II. We need strong families as God desires.