

# The Light - Junior Series

## Lesson 120

### The Family is a Precious Gift from God

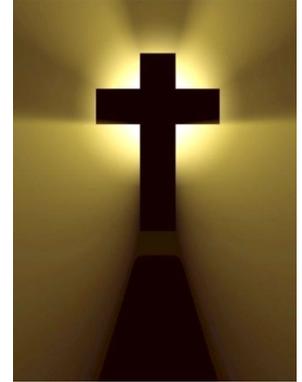
### Dads & Moms



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## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If YOU have never personally believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior; you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Just tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sins of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior, died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again and He is alive today seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. *(Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." (John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave us One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*



## LESSON



In our last lesson, kids, we finished our look at Christian marriage in our series on practical Christianity. Today we will learn about another subject in God's Word...God's wisdom to family life...that is your relationship with your dad and mom.

We began this journey in a book of Old Testament wisdom of [Proverbs](#). So, let's begin there again today. You'll see this is going to be a bit different than what you're used to hearing in this world today. But remember, this is GOD'S WORD! God will never lie to you. This is HIS TRUTH and a GREAT blessing to us. So, we'll take it slowly and look at what God has to say in [Proverbs](#), okay?

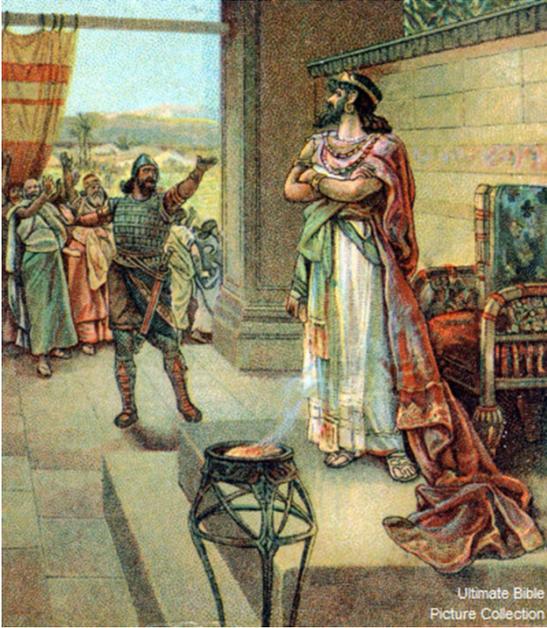
[Prov 23:13-16](#) "Do not hold back discipline from the child, although you (may) spank him with the stick, he will not die. (14) You will spank him with the stick and rescue his soul from Sheol (that means "hell"). (15) My son, if your heart is wise (full of God's Word), my own heart also will be glad; (16) and my heart will rejoice when your lips speak what is right."



[Prov 29:15-17](#) "The stick and scolding give (you) wisdom, but a child who gets his own way (is spoiled) brings shame to his mother. (16) When the wicked increase, transgression (sin) increases; but the righteous (those who do good) will see their fall (sin will not increase). (17) Correct your son, and he will give you comfort; he will also delight your soul." King Solomon wrote these words to his son, Rehoboam. He did this because he

wanted his son NEVER to make the mistakes that he did. But things didn't work out so well for King Solomon in the matter of his son Rehoboam. Here's some background about this so you'll understand what happened at this time in God's Word. Rehoboam would become king after his dad, King Solomon dies. So, King Solomon wanted his son to know what God expected of him as king and he wanted him to learn the right things to do as king after he himself died. He wanted him to be a good ruler.

Here's a question for you today after reading this passage...



How did things work out for Solomon in the matter of his son Rehoboam after Rehoboam became king?

Let's read in [2 Chron 12:13-14](#).

"So, King Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem and ruled in Israel. Now Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he



began to rule, and he ruled seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the Lord had chosen from all the tribes of Israel, to put His (God's) name there. And his (Rehoboam's) mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. (14) **He (Rehoboam) did evil because he did not set his heart to seek the Lord (he didn't obey God).**" Uh oh!! Not good, right?

We also learn something else about his dad, King Solomon in [1 Kings 11:4-7](#). "For when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away from the TRUE GOD to other (false) gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of (King) David his father had been. (5) **For Solomon worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians and after Milcom the absolutely terrible idol of the Ammonites.** (6) **Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and did not follow the Lord fully,** as (King) David his father had done." Now you know why King Solomon wrote proverbs to his sons.

Listen kids, King Solomon became a very bad role model for his son, Rehoboam and to all his children!

So, again, we know why King Solomon wrote [Proverbs](#) for his children. He wanted them to obey God's will and Word for their lives and not make the same mistakes that he did. What King Solomon did was really, really bad.



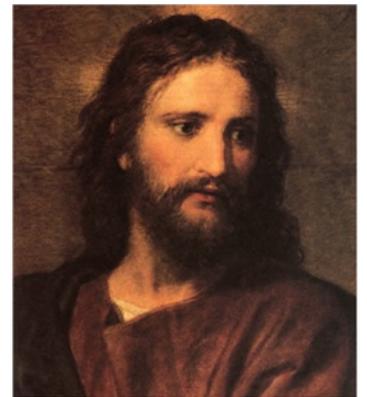
One of the worst things to do in God's eyes is to worship false gods as King Solomon did. As you can see by the [Chronicles](#) verses, Rehoboam did the same thing. He did not obey God or his father!!! This caused great trouble to both Kings!

Please understand how important it is to learn God's Word **AND** obey it...apply it!!! YOU WILL BE BLESSED if you do.

Please do not think that good parenting means spanking only! In fact, spanking is and ought to be a very, very small part of parenting. For some kids less so than for others even...not all kids learn the same way!

So, the book of [Proverbs](#) also says this about good parenting in [Prov 22:6](#). "Train up a child in the way he should go (God's way), even when he is old he will not leave it." There are many ways parents can get kids to obey and learn. This is the MOST IMPORTANT WAY.

In our present day, we learn all about Jesus Christ in the New Testament of our Bible. The New Testament has become for us wisdom, as well as righteousness (all that is good in God's eyes) just like [Proverbs](#) was for the Jews in the [Old Testament](#). So, for us Christians, this wisdom from the New Testament (these proverbs) are a most SWEET thing.

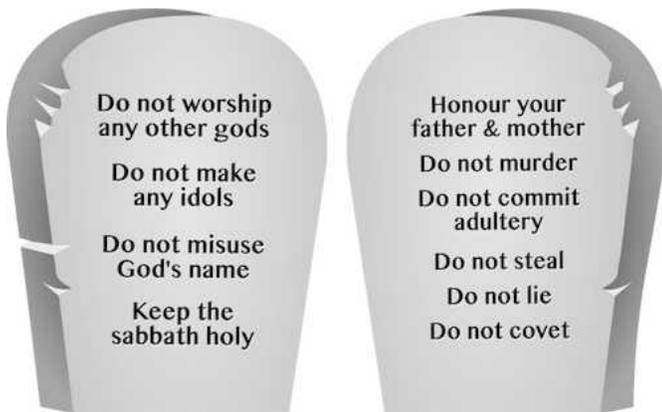


You know that bees produce honey, which is very sweet. Would you try getting the honey while the bees were in the hive? NO WAY! We would have to get the bee away from the honey to eat it without getting stung, right?

Well, [1 Cor 15:56a](#) says, "The sting of death is sin..." And [Rom 6:23](#) says, "For the penalty of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

We learn in God's Word that Jesus came to earth as a man; never sinned himself, so he could die in our place for our sins; was buried; and rose again so the curse of the law of sin was taken away and nailed to the cross.

Now, death lost its sting at the cross because Jesus paid the penalty for sin for mankind. The bee stands for the curse of the law of sin and Jesus took that away on the cross so, sin has no more sting. Now that's SWEET, kids.



You see when [Proverbs](#) was written, it was during the Jewish Age, which is the age of the Law. Think of the Ten Commandments. They were part of the Law. They made us realize we sin.

The people under the law lived in fear of the Law, in fear of the curses promised for disobeying the Law, in

fear of the penalty of sin which is death.

Jesus Christ's victory on the cross took the sting out of the books of the Law period for us. Books like [Proverbs](#) no longer carries a sting for us. We can have its wisdom knowing that we now produce the fruit God wants from us in the newness of the Holy Spirit, not the oldness of the letter. [Rom 7:6](#) "But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter (of the Law)." We are not under law but under grace, love, and a relationship of the Holy Spirit. The sting is gone! It was nailed to the cross.

Let's look at the Word of God to prove this:

After the cross of Jesus, there was no more curse from sin. [Gal 3:13-14](#) "Christ saved us from the curse of the Law (of sin), having become (himself) a curse for us...for it is written, 'CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE (the cross)' (14) in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles (all people who are not Jews), so that we would receive the promise of the (Holy) Spirit through faith (in Jesus)."



After the cross of Jesus, there was no more penalty for sin. Isa 53:5 "But He (Jesus) was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our sins and the punishment for our well-being *fell* upon Him, and by His cursing we are healed."

After the cross of Jesus, there was no more slavery to the fear of death. Heb 2:14-15 "Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself (Jesus) likewise also shared the same (he became a man), that through death (the cross) He might make powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, (15) and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives."

After the cross of Jesus, there was no more fear. 1 John 4:18 "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not completed in love."

After the cross of Jesus, there was no more condemnation. Rom 8:1 "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."



We believers have been SET FREE by our Savior, Jesus Christ!!!!

We don't live in fear any longer; we don't live in fear of sin; and we don't live in fear of death. 1 John 4:15-19 "Whoever believes that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. (16) We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him. (17) By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment (evaluation of believers by Jesus Christ in heaven); because as He is, so also are we in this world. (18) There is no fear in love; but perfect love throws out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. (19) We love (others), because He first loved us." Praise God we don't fear any longer!



We are the people of the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ and that means VICTORY over sin and death. That means freedom from the curse of sin and freedom from the slavery to the law of sin. Freedom from the sting of sin, which is death.

We will come back after passing through death and into our resurrection bodies, just like the one Jesus has. We will be like HIM!!! Can you imagine. You will be jumping for joy happy!!

How sweet **Proverbs** is now, right? How sweet the wisdom of God that makes us free from the pain of the curse of the sting of sin and the law and the death.



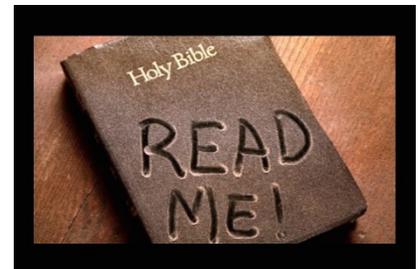
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It's like honey without the bees. It is God's grace blessings without the law. It is the love from God without fear of death. It is the newness and indwelling Holy Spirit without having to live within the Old Law.

So, listen, kids. Our heavenly Father is still looking for the same fruit, that are the good works we will produce in our lives now, that He has always looked for from the Jews in the Old Testament...the wisdom of **Proverbs**.

Things like: being good, obedience to God and all authority, love for others, respect for God's holiness, and keeping His word, just to name a few. He just has a different way of getting us to produce that fruit now...a new way. A better way! It's way that really works!

BUT, we'll learn more about that next time...  
Until then...stay in God's Word.



Close in prayer.

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