

ABRAHAM'S CHILDREN

Bible Reading: Genesis 18:16-33

For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him. Genesis 18:19.

One of the reasons why God so greatly blessed Abraham was that he knew that Abraham would pass on the blessing through his children. God was greatly interested in saving a human soul, but still more interested in raising up a whole family that would follow Him. In this verse He bases part of His determination to bless Abraham on the fact that Abraham is going to teach his children to know God and to do His will.

Every Christian has a similar duty toward his family. It is absurd to expect that a Sunday school in one hour a week can do all that is necessary to bring up children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Christian parents have a great responsibility to teach their children how they may be saved through Jesus Christ and how they should then follow on in the way of the Lord.

Often parents are greatly hampered in this task because of non-Christian influences with which their children are constantly meeting. Frequently these influences come from secular schools. How fortunate are those parents who do not have to spend part of their time in training their children to resist the influence of secular schools, but instead can know that their children are spending many hours a week in truly Christian schools.

Let us pray that God may be able to say of us, as He did of Abraham, that He knows that we will lead our children in accordance with His holy purposes.

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