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Mostly Personal...

Loved Ones,

A few have asked me to repeat the part of last week's message that was not in the notes. Here goes....

There are three encounters we ought to pray over our children and grandchildren:

1. PRAY FOR YOUR CHILD TO HAVE A SAMUEL MOMENT.
2. PRAY FOR YOUR CHILD TO HAVE A DAY OF PENTECOST MOMENT.
3. PRAY FOR YOUR CHILD TO HAVE A PASSOVER MOMENT.

A Samuel Moment is based on the story of Samuel's first experience of hearing God for himself. In 1 Samuel 3, we observe that although Samuel had literally grown up in the House of God and served there day and night, he had never heard the voice of God for himself. Bring your children to church, certainly! Give them daily devotions of the Word and prayer. But pray fervently that your precious children will hear the voice of God for themselves! Remember, God has no grandchildren. Everyone who comes to Jesus knows God as his own Father.

The Day of Pentecost Moment is an encounter with the Holy Spirit modeled on the Book of Acts, especially Acts 2. The greatest decision a person will ever make is to accept Jesus as Lord. However, do not marginalize the Pentecostal experience of the early Christians. It is said that a great reformer was escorted into an extravagantly furnished cathedral. After being shown the riches amassed by the church, he was told, "The church no longer can say 'Silver and gold, have I none!'" The reformer replied, "You are right, but neither can it say 'In the Name of Jesus, rise up and walk!'" Pray for your children to know the promise given us, our sons, and our daughters (Acts 2:4-18).

The Passover Moment occurs when our saved children make a deliberate decision to leave the worldly, carnal system behind. Their lives are forever marked by the Blood of Jesus, and they realize they are a special race of men. In Revelation we are told to "Come out of Babylon!" May our children embrace a Biblical world-view, and may we serve The Lord in true Holiness!

I love you,
Pastor Stephen