

PART OF THE PLAN

Family Matters

Proverbs 22:6

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1. _____ A PART OF THE PLAN

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, the whole earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth.” ²⁷ So God created man in his own image; he created him in the image of God; he created them male and female. ²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every creature that crawls on the earth.” Genesis 1:26–28

⁴ ...what is a human being that you remember him, a son of man that you look after him? ⁵ You made him little less than God and crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶ You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet... Psalm 8:4–6

¹³ For it was you who created my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. ¹⁴ I will praise you because I have been remarkably and wondrously made. Your works are wondrous, and I know this very well. ¹⁵ My bones were not hidden from you when I was made in secret, when I was formed in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw me when I was formless; all my days were written in your book and planned before a single one of them began. Psalm 139:13–16

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⁶ Start a youth out on his way; even when he grows old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, because this is right.

² **Honor your father and mother**, which is the first commandment with a promise, ³ **so that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life in the land.** Ephesians 6:1–3

⁶ These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart.

⁷ Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deuteronomy 6:6–7

⁴ In struggling against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵ And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons: **My son, do not take the Lord’s discipline lightly or lose heart when you are reprovved by him, ⁶ for the Lord disciplines the one he loves and punishes every son he receives.** ⁷ Endure suffering as discipline: God is dealing with you as sons. For what son is there that a father does not discipline? Hebrews 12:4–7

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³ Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. ⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one’s youth. ⁵ Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate. Psalm 127:3–5 (English Standard Version)

¹¹ “I have told you these things so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. John 15:11

⁴ I have no greater joy than this: to hear that my children are walking in truth. 3 John 4

⁹ If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation. Romans 10:9–10