

Elevate Family: Family Mess V

“Family Mess”

Family is a group of people who are related to each other. Family is a person's children. Family is a group of related people including people who lived in the past. Family is a group of people related by blood.

- We have spiritual and natural heritage.

^{NKJ} **Psalm 8:4** What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

Part of you is made and part of you is created. Part of you is made from something. (Asa) Part of you is created from nothing. (Bara)

Matthew 19 and **Genesis 2** gives God's covenantal model of marriage.

What happened to the family?

Consider **Malachi 2:11-16**

I

First the nation turned away from the LORD. *Vs 11-13*

Malachi 2:11 Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god.¹²

The LORD will cut off the man that doeth this, the master and the scholar, out of the tabernacles of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto the LORD of hosts.

¹³ And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth it with good will at your hand

The leaders and decision makers started joining themselves to other gods.

- The nation and people followed the leaders.

II

Second the men, turned away from their marriages. *Vs 14*

The LORD was a witness between the man and woman.

The men began to put away (divorce) their wives and families.

- The LORD sees covenant as binding and permanent.

III

Third, they damaged the Godly seed of the next generation. *Vs 15*

¹⁵ And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

The next generation is always impacted by the previous generation.

- Both righteousness and wickedness impact the next generation.

IV

Forth, the LORD never leaves a generation without a prophetic voice.

The LORD calls us back to His righteous model and standard. *Vs 15b*

Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.¹⁶ For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for *one* covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

- Departure from the LORD's way, brings family mess.
- Returning to the LORD's way, brings the LORD's blessing.
- Returning to the LORD's model, is a spiritual walk and natural walk.