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“Child Worship” **Isaac (Part 7)**

“You shall have no other gods before me.” (Exodus 20:3)

“Little children, keep yourselves from idols.” (1 John 5:21)

Fixation on the Next Generation

Genesis 26:34-35 – (34) “When Esau was forty years old, he took Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite to be his wife, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite, (35) and they made life bitter for Isaac and Rebekah.”

Genesis 27:46 – “Then Rebekah said to Isaac, ‘I loathe my life because of the Hittite women. If Jacob marries one of the Hittite women like these, one of the women of the land, what good will my life be to me?’”

Solomon’s Short-Sightedness

Proverbs 17:21 – “He who sires a fool gets himself sorrow, and the father of a fool has no joy.”

Proverbs 17:25 – “A foolish son is a grief to his father and bitterness to her who bore him.”

Proverbs 19:13 – “A foolish son is ruin to his father...”

Remember Abraham’s Wake Up Call

Genesis 22:1-2 – (1) “After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, ‘Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ (2) He said, ‘Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.’”

Reprioritize Relationships

Psalms 17:13-15 – (13) “Arise, O LORD! Confront him, subdue him! Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword, (14) from men by your hand, O LORD, from men of the world whose portion is in this life. You fill their womb with treasure; they are satisfied with

children, and they leave their abundance to their infants. (15) As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.”

Ecclesiastes 9:9 – “Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that he has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun.”

Questions to Ponder:

- (1) What impacted me most from this message?**
- (2) Even if I have no children, is there something that I highly value which competes with my love for God?**

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