

# "MOMS WHO BRING JOY TO THEIR HEAVENLY FATHER"

I Samuel 25:1-42

## I. INTRODUCTION:

A. Passing the mantle of spiritual leadership: **v. 1**

1. Big people (men or women) + a little God =
2. Little people (men or women) + a big God =

B. The background, where spiritual leadership begins: *(Tit. 2:4-5)*

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C. Hope, what drives Caleb's obscure descendants: **v. 3b**

Hope: "When we use the word hope in our casual conversation, it carries with it the idea that it is something we are wishing would or might happen, that fades and dies with time. But God's idea of hope that rests in the person and work of Jesus Christ, is not wishful thinking about tomorrow. It is a present joyful reality regarding the certainty of a future event. The hope described in the Bible is a living hope that transcends time. It comforts us with an eternal perspective that overshadows our sorrows, it is a continual stabilizing anchor in the roughest of life's storms, and it is an encouraging shot of adrenaline in motivating us to move forward, even when we feel like giving up." *(Jer. 17:7; Ps. 147:11; Rom. 15:4; Heb. 6:19; 1 Pet. 1:3)*

D. Meet Abigail, "my father rejoices":

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## II. THE RECIPE FOR MAKING YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER REJOICE:

A. The "big man": **vv. 2-13**

1. The "hospitality" request: **vv. 4-9**

The hospitality command can be defined as the frequent, friendly, reception and treatment of guests and strangers in your home for the purpose of serving them in some way. Entertainment is self-focused, while hospitality is others-focused. It is bringing a family into your home not because they deserve it, but because Jesus Christ deserves it." *(See Mt. 25:34-36)*

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B. The "little" woman: **vv. 3b, 14-31, 33**

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C. The "great" God: **vv. 36-42 (Eph. 4:20-21)**

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## III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming "people of the Word" in principle AND in practice)

A.

B.

C.

### SINNERS PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I was made by you and I was made for you, but I have been living for myself. I am sorry for that self-rule you call sin. I believe that Jesus Christ being my creator God, died, was buried, and rose again to pay the insurmountable debt that my sin has created since birth. So right now, I am turning from a life of going my own way, to by faith, place my trust in Jesus Christ, to pay the debt of all my sin, and to get me to heaven, when I breathe my last breath. Lord Jesus, from today on, I am yours. Thanks for saving me, this very moment, in Jesus name, amen.

# DAILY RELEASING YOUR CHILDREN TO THE LORD IN PRAYER

(See 1 Sam. 1:27-29; Lam. 2:19)

## PAST EFFECTS:

1. That our past failures and sinful choices as a family would not hold them back from pursuing their walk with God. (Ex. 20:5-6; Pro. 13:22; Lk. 10:19)
2. That their past failures and sinful choices would not hold them back from pursuing their walk with God. (1 Cor. 5:17; 1 Jn. 1:9; Tit. 3:3-7; Gal. 5:1)

## PRESENT NEEDS:

1. Their protection (Ps. 4:8; 17:8-9; 18:48; 91:1-2, 9-12; Isa. 43:2)
2. They would feel loved and accepted today (Jer. 31:3; Rom. 5:5; 8:38-39)
3. Refuse to rebel against their authority figures (Eph. 6:1-3; 1 Sam. 15:23; Ps. 107:10-12)
4. Embrace Godly role models as their friends (Ps. 1:1; Pro. 13:20; Amos 3:3; 1 Cor. 15:33)
5. Hunger for the things of God (Ps. 34:9; 119:2; 86:11-12; Mt. 5:6)
6. Be truthful about everything (Pro. 12:22; 19:5; 21:6; Ps. 119:28-29; Jn. 8:44)
7. Make healthy choices (1 Cor. 3:17; 6:19-20; 10:31; Rom. 12:1)
8. Daily study their Bibles (Pro. 1:5; 2:1-5; Hos. 4:6; 1 Tim. 2:15)
9. Discover their spiritual gifts and use them in church (Rom. 11:29; 1 Pet. 4:10; 1 Cor. 12)
10. Verbally share their faith with lost acquaintances (1 Pet. 3:15; Mt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:8)
11. Guard their tongue from unkind words (Ps. 19:4; Pro. 12:18; 13:3; Mt. 12:34-37)
12. Guard their mind from evil thoughts (Isa. 26:3; Phil. 4:8; Rom. 12:2)
13. Maintain their moral purity (1 Tim. 5:22; 1 Thes. 4:7; 1 Cor. 6:13, 18)
14. Be joyful in everything (Ps. 16:11; 35:9; 105:43; 118:24; Isa. 61:10; Rom. 15:13)
15. Avoid all harmful addictions (Pro. 16:25; 1 Cor. 6:12; 10:13, 31; 1 Cor. 10:5)

## FUTURE UNKNOWNNS:

1. \*\*\* Above all else, the assurance of being spiritually born again (Jn. 3:3; 1 Jn. 5:13)
2. Become who God created him/her to be (Pro. 22:6; 1 Pet. 2:9; 1 Pet. 1:10; 1 Cor. 2:9)
3. Marry a Godly mate (Pro. 18:22; Mal. 2:13-16; 1 Cor. 6:14-17)
4. Join and serve the Lord in a Biblical church (Acts 2:47; 5:13-14; 1 Cor. 12:25; Heb. 10:25)
5. Live forgiving lives (Eph. 4:31-32; Mt. 6:14-15; Mk. 11:25)
6. Be fishers of men as His disciples (Mt. 4:19; Mk. 1:17; Lk. 9:23; Mt. 29:19-20)
7. Pursue being "first" in God's kingdom (1 Cor. 9:24-27; Mt. 20:26-27; Mk. 10:42-43)