

HAPPY FATHERS DAY

As you may or may not know, the very first national celebration of Father's Day was on June 19, 1924, by proclamation of President Calvin Coolidge. But it all came about because of the efforts of Sonora Smart Dodd.

Sonora was sitting in church in 1909 listening to a Mother's Day sermon when the idea of Father's Day first came to mind. Having been raised by her father after her mother's death, Sonora wanted her father to know how special he was to her for all his parental sacrifices and for being, in her eyes, so courageous, selfless, and loving. To make a long story short, twenty-five years later, through her efforts President Coolidge designated the 3rd Sunday of June as "Father's Day." And our nation has been celebrating it ever since.

On Mother's Day there is a higher attendance at church, mothers often have corsages, emotions run high, and people gather at Mom's house—all to pay honor to the hands that rocked the cradle.

But on Father's Day the church is not as full, emotions are not as high, and businesses don't profit nearly as much—all except for the telephone companies, that is. You see, phone companies report that Mother's Day is the busiest telephone day of the year. But Father's Day is a bigger money-maker for them, because there are more collect calls on Father's Day than on any other day of the year.

One of the best things we get from fathers are what we call dad jokes. (Here are some)

Today I want to look at one father that I believe deserves to be spoken about every year. This father is Job. I do understand that this book is frequently avoided by many because they think it is pronounced Job.

When we look at this story we see an example of what it means to be not only a father but a man of God. He leaves us an example to follow.

Job 1:1-5 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name *was* Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

Father Example 1 - Job **was perfect**, complete, pious.

This Hebrew word for perfect means pious. It is the Hebrew word "Tawm" meaning he had a complete veneration for God and obedience to His commands.

Father Example 2 - Job **was upright** - Yaw Shur means he was alright. He was a man of moral integrity and did the right thing.

Father Example 3 - **Feared God** - Yaw Ray - means he was man who revered God. He had a true deep concern for how and what God was thinking. He held a God consciousness.

Father Example 4 - **Eschewed Evil** - Eschewed "Soor" meaning "Turned Off" when evil comes around he just simply turned it off. Walked away, avoided, shunned, moved away, he shut it down.

RESULTS:

(2) And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. (3) His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east. (4) And his sons went and feasted *in their* houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.

Result 1 - **He was wealthy**. While wealth can be measured in many ways there is no doubt that a person who does what Job did will find wealth.

The bible is filled with texts that promise, blessing, prosperity, success to all those who meditate, obey and follow God's word.

Result 2 - **A united family**. Brothers and sisters loving one another, joining in food every day and sharing with one another.

Result 3 – **Greatest of all men.** God lifted him up because of his love for Him. He knew lifting Job up would ultimately bring glory to God.

In Conclusion,

Not only was Job wealthy, family united, and was one of the greatest men, he never allowed his wealth or stature to prevent him from continuing to walk in the ways of the Lord.

(5) And it was so, when the days of *their* feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings *according* to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

Probably one of the most important examples we have.

Father Example 5 - **Prayer.** This man prayed for his family, his children and did it continually.

We all know how the story goes for Job. While being a Godly person does not bring persecution or trial immunity, it does bring persecution and trial strength. It is through Job that, not only dads, but everyone can learn how to be stronger during the times of trials and

tribulations.

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

1 John 5:4-5 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. (5) Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Let us look to this and learn from his Godly example of Love for God 1 and Love for our Family 2.