

A Father of Blessing

Introduction: Today we are living in **an obverse** society that claims to believe in the family, but does everything to destroy it. Women are encouraged to destroy their future family before they are even born. Men are seen as weak and un-necessary chess pieces in the game of life, and they have believed it! Too many children are growing up becoming the photo copies of the fathers they never had.

The statistics are profound, as we will see. But they all add up to one thing: the emasculation of men today. Television shows and movies bring us pictures of the man Hollywood wants them to be, and he is presented as either absent, violent, or imbecilic.

But that has never been God's point of view. In fact, our scripture today tells us that there is a move by God today to bring godly men back into the forefront of the whole family scene.

Scripture: Malachi 4:4-6; Exodus 34:23-24

I. The Land Needs Godly Men, Because of the Scourge of Fatherlessness

1. Statistics of fatherlessness and the results:

2. How both blessing or a curse from God can come on a land. Causes:

3. Why is Godly fatherhood such a big Deal?

4. Why was Israel told to remember the Law of Moses?

II. I am Going to Send You Elijah the Prophet

1. What is the great and terrible day of the Lord?

2. What is a "spiritual cause and affect" relationship?

3. Malachi tells us what we **SHOULD** do: Malachi 4:6
How should this affect our family outlook as fathers?

*If the hearts of the fathers are changed across the land, the children will respond, and in due course bring revival like our world has never before seen.