

# ***Justice and the Family***

Sermon Notes for May 13 2012, Sixth Sunday in Easter  
Do Justice, Part 4 by Pastor Dennis Tuuri

## **Intro - Doing What We Love To Undo What We Hate**

### **Evidences of Injustice**

3. nagas - forced labor

Messiah comes to reverse - Isa. 9:3-6

Look for those overloaded with work

4. lahats - squeezed and crying - Ex. 3:9

Look for those between a rock and a hard place (CSOC)

7. anah - humiliated (Christians?)

Look for the sexually trafficked and illegal immigrants

8. tsar - hated

Look for people who are hated by others

1. The Justice of Roles
2. The Justice Due to Husbands and Wives - 5:33; 1 Peter. 3
3. The Justice Due to Fathers and Mothers Eph. 6:1-3; Col. 3:20,22
4. The Justice Due to Children - Eph. 6:4 (See Attached); Col. 3:21; 4:1  
1 Thes 2:1-12
5. The Family and Authority - Senseless Drill, Instruction, Boundaries
6. Mothers and Justice - Prov. 31

# ***Ephesians 6:4 Fathers and Children***

Sermon Outline for May 21, 2000 by Pastor Dennis Tuuri

Ephesians 6:4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

**Intro** – Rasheed and Shaquille

**Context** – The Supremacy of Christ; Reconciliation of All Things in Him; Bodybuilding through Credenda Agenda, Chapters 1-3; 4-6; 3:21-4:6

4 There is one **body**

and one **Spirit**, just as you were called in

one **hope** of your calling;

5 one **Lord**, - (Love)

one **faith**, - Col. 1:23; 1 Cor. 13; Rom. 5:2; 1 Thes. 1:3; 5:8; 1 Pet. 1:21

one **baptism**;

6 one God and **Father** of all,

## **A. The Command to the Child**

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother,' which is the first commandment with promise."

1. This command demonstrates that children in Christian homes are to be nurtured, not evangelized. 1 Cor. 1:1-10; Rev. 2,3; Col. 2:12,13; 3:20,21
2. Paul affirms the ongoing validity of the law in this command.
3. Paul affirms the sanctions portion of the law in this command. 2 Cor. 1:19,20; Gal. 6:7-10
  4. The command cites the law that is the first law of the second section of commandments, focusing on how to know if we are honoring God. 1 John 4:20,21; Lev. 19:1-3; 32
  5. The law quoted by Paul puts the honoring of God and His authorities high on the list of the priorities for children, and adults. Col. 3:20; Tit. 2:9; Phil. 2:14,15
  6. The law implies that parents are to act honorably. Lev. 19:29,30
7. This command follows the typically Pauline form of addressing functional subordinates first, pointing us to God's authority.

## **B. The Command to the Fathers**

"4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."

1. The command is to the father, not the mother.
2. The command implies that the father's actions will normally, in Adam, lead to anger and discouragement for his children. Col. 3:21; Mark 9
3. To this negative command (don't provoke) is added a positive one - nurture our children in the faith.
4. Our biggest guarding requirement relative to our children is to guard them from us, their fathers!
5. We nurture our children through deeds and words, boundaries, instruction, and rituals; rod, word and habit.
6. Unable in our flesh to do this, fathers are encouraged that their work is in the Lord, who has called us to this task.
7. We are warned by God of the seriousness of this task. Ezekiel 16:20,21

*Song of Anselm*

**Anselm of Canterbury, 1033-1109**

**Augustine-Anselm-Aquinas**

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you:  
You are gentle with us as a mother with her children;  
Often you weep over our sins and our pride:  
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement.  
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds:  
in sickness you nurse us,  
and with pure milk you feed us.  
Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life:  
by your anguish and labour we come forth in joy.  
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness:  
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.  
Your warmth gives life to the dead:  
your touch makes sinners righteous.  
Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us:  
in your love and tenderness remake us.  
In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness:  
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.