

### **Go Into All Your World Part 3: The Family (Mark 16:15-16)**

Greetings my fellow patriots and disciples. Thank you for listening in today for our devotional thoughts.

A couple of weeks ago I started a short series I called, “Go Into All Your World” from **Mark 16:15-16** where Mark gives us his version of Jesus’ Great Commission. The first world we mentioned was the political world, then the religious world. Yes, believe it or not, Jesus needs to be preached in our religious world as well as in other places. The final “world” I want to consider in this short series is the world of family. Preaching Jesus in this world is critical on many levels.

The family is the foundation and building block of society. Society will go the way of the family. If families are strong and faithful, society will be as well. Is there industry or sloth? Is there morality and faith or immorality and indulgence. One will expose the other.

Someone has observed that there is continued Jewish presence in the world in spite of the fact that the Jewish people have been under attack for generations. The holocaust of World War II is one of the most evident attacks in modern times. Yet, they remain, why? It’s not because of the temple, which has been destroyed in AD 70 by the Romans. It is not because of synagogues. Many of them have been destroyed. It is because of the family. The Jewish people and religion exist today because of strong Jewish families.

When followers of Jesus “preach Him” within the family, we declare His high standards. For instance, Jesus defines marriage as an intimate relationship between a man and a woman (**Matthew 19:4-5**). Yet, Americans (and others) have blatantly decided to redefine marriage. We have even decided to recreate peoples’ genders. When has God ever encouraged us to go against His will in creation? Yet, we have.

You see, marriage and the family have been under attack from nearly the beginning of creation. God created and blessed Adam and Eve. In what appears to be a short while, Satan launched his attack. He deceived the woman, and through her, the man. He disrupted the family in the Garden and he also disrupted it with the murder of Abel. God blesses and says, “**Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth**” (**Genesis 1:28**). And Satan (and some people) says, “NO!”

By the way, have you noticed the effort to put man under creation rather than over it? I heard recently that Germany has decided that people cannot abort chicken embryos after a few days of life because the baby chicks (not a mass of cells, a defined ‘baby chick’) can feel pain. YET, human abortions with the painful dismemberment of babies are still allowed. Chickens are above children. Man is being subjugated to nature.

The attack on the family has come in the form of attack on marriage. Divorce has become easy. Cohabiting is the norm. Sexual intimacy outside of marriage is common. Compare the morals of our day and time to the way Joseph treated Mary. They were engaged to be married (which was a contractual marriage without sexual intimacy). They had no union until they were “officially married” and came together intimately. You can see Joseph’s confusion and suspicion when she is pregnant by God’s Spirit (see **Matthew 1:18-25**).

The assault on the family doesn’t end with the spouses. The children are likewise under attack. There is a pushback by some of even having children, let alone having multiple children. China restricts families to ONE child and goes against God’s direction (not surprising since China is an atheistic Communist state).

Abortion has removed over 60,000,000 people from America since the 1970's. That would exceed the populations of California and Florida combined (at least before the exodus from California tyranny).

Jesus loves and blesses children. In fact, He makes time for them (**Matthew 19:13-14**). What do Satan and his agents do? The exact opposite. Whatever God loves, Satan hates, and Satan hates the children because the Kingdom of God is made up of children and the child-like.

Throughout the scriptures we see that children have been sacrificed to the evil gods like Ba'al and Molech. Even some of the Hebrew kings fell into the practice of child sacrifice. We are finding that it is still going on in modern times.

“Preach Jesus” in your family. Preach Him in word and actions: Husbands, love wives. Wives, submit to husbands. Dads, teach your children. Children, obey your parents in the Lord (which is what Paul encouraged in **Ephesians 5:22-6:4**).

Thank you again for listening. Remember to Keep The Light Burning!