

## 18.1 Attack on the Family

God created what we call the “institutions” of the Family, the Church, and Government. Have you noticed that whatever God creates, Satan attacks? The Family has been under attack from the beginning. It is evident today that the attack has continued.

Dr. Jim Garlow, in his book, Well Versed, has pointed out that the satanic attack on the family begins with the most vulnerable, the children. For some demonic reason, our political representatives and courts have decided that it is acceptable to kill children in the womb through abortion. Texas has stepped up to ban abortion and the Planned Parenthood clinics are leaving the Lone Star State. Kudos to Texas!

Adults or frightened teens may feel like children are an inconvenience. God sees them as a blessing. Notice **Psalm 127:3-5** (ESV):

**Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! . . .**

It is not just abortion that is an attack on children, modern slavery through child trafficking is another. Here children are not an inconvenience but a commodity for all kinds of uses. Where are the critics who want to condemn the Founding generations for not opposing slavery but are silent on modern slavery? It's one thing to criticize, it's another to put our proverbial money where our mouths are and do something today.

Recently in my podcast interview with **Senator Jake Merrick**, he explained the difference between the “abolition” of abortion and “Pro-Life.” I had always thought “Pro-Life” described someone who was in favor of abolishing abortion. Not so. Many of our “Pro-Life” politicians are compromising the lives of the innocent in order to *regulate* abortions, not prevent them. Similarly, Anti-Slavery politicians regulated slavery, they did not abolish it.

I am grateful for people who are on the side of defending the children. There are conservative politicians who are fighting for the lives of the babies. There are groups like “Operation Underground Railroad” (OUR) fighting to free children all over the world who are caught up in the modern slavery of child trafficking.

Abortion and Child Trafficking are purely satanic. After Jesus gives His discourse on divorce in **Matthew 19**, He blesses children. They are important to Him. Satan's attack doesn't stop with the children. That is just a convenient beginning.

The evil one is bent on undermining the most basic aspect of the family, the relationship of husband and wife. The relationship is foundational to the family, which is foundational to the society. If you break down the family, you can break down society. If you can break down husbands and wives, you can break the family.

So, Satan introduces immorality, either in person or virtually through on-line pornography. Traditional wedding vows change from “as long as you both shall live” to “as long as you both shall love.” So, the hard times in marriage become a fertile field to sow seeds of discord between husband and wife. If those seeds take root the family will fold.

Do you realize that now the marriage (and family) is under demonic assault even in regard to its definition? Jesus gives us the definition of marriage being one man for one woman for life in **Matthew 19:4-7** (ESV):

**<sup>4</sup> He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, <sup>5</sup> and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? <sup>6</sup> So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”**

Our Founders understood the importance of family. **Benjamin Franklin** stated:

**Man and woman have each of them qualities and tempers in which the other is deficient and which in union contribute to the common felicity [happiness]. Single and separated, they are not the complete human being; they are like the odd halves of scissors; they cannot answer the end of their formation.<sup>1</sup>**

Satan isn't finished attacking the children or their parents. He has turned his attention to the most difficult of his challenges, the very creation of God. God made male and female in the beginning and still does. Yet, with the medical capabilities we have Satan leads people to believe God made a mistake in their creation and that they should change their genders. This is an attack on people and on God.

Let me close with some verses from **Ephesians 5:22-6:4** (ESV):

**<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. . . .**

**<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, . . .**

**<sup>1</sup> Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. . . . <sup>4</sup> Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.**

Keep The Light of Family Burning!

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<sup>1</sup> Benjamin Franklin, The Works of Benjamin Franklin, ed., Jared Sparks. Vol. IX, p. 478, to John Sargent on January 27, 1783. See also The Founders' Bible, p. 1471.