

### They Sacrificed Their Sons and Their Daughters

Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

**Psalms 106:35-37**, "But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works. And they served their idols: which were as none unto them. Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils."

This speaks of those Hebrews of long ago, but doesn't it sound a lot like today? Maybe that sounds silly to you, sacrificing children, yet, those people did it directly, physically, but many today do it spiritually. Different in a way, but usually the result is the same.

God is love, and life, blessings, salvation, and all good things come from him. If a child is raised to forget God and to go after the things of this world, that child could die without ever knowing the Lord. Those that come to God through his son Jesus, will find life, but those who refuse the Lord will die, not only physically, but spiritually as well.

I have known, and know now, of several children who want to come to church. Many children love to come to Sunday School.

The problem is they cannot come by themselves, and if mom and dad will not get up and come, they have no way to get to church. The young children are in the years when their values are usually set in their hearts for life. Parents will often make sure that a child is taken to sporting events, hunting, fishing, and other things, but church is not a priority to most people. They can live without sports, but they will not live forever without God. This is not to say that sports, and other events are evil, they are not, unless they are taking the place of God in their lives.

Many things children pick up from their parents, either by direct teaching, or by example. Prejudice, politics, and morals are some that come to mind, along with either faith in God, or a lack thereof. We are to teach the younger generation about the Lord. **Psalms 78:6-7**, "That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments." If parents don't teach them morals, manners, and about the Lord, where and when are they

going to learn?

I have known of those who scoffed at the thought of taking their family to church. Then when they got into trouble they wondered where they had gone wrong. The error is made when people don't have a relationship with God and don't allow their family to either. Sometimes even husband, or wife, is hindered by an unbelieving mate. Some even try to prevent them from going to church. An adult can decide for himself, but a child is dependant on the parents for guidance. Sometimes a grandparent will take a child to church because the parents will not.

Whether a child is taught evil things by the parents, and sad to say but some are, or just not taught about the Lord, the child is the victim. They are sacrificed for the parents laziness, or to their sinful nature. Most parents would want what is best for their children. They usually do in the things of this world, and should in the spiritual as well.

I look at little children and wonder about their future. Will they grow up to be good people, or to be sinful, evil minded people? The adults today, both good and bad, were little once.

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**JACOB'S TOIL**

LABAN, SEARCHING FOR HIS STOLEN GODS, COMES NOW TO RACHEL'S TENT WHERE THEY ARE HIDDEN, NOW...

I SHALL FIND THEM WHEREVER THEY REPOSE.

...RACHEL PRETENDS TO A WOMANLY ILLNESS, RECLINING ON THE SADDLE OF HER CAMEL, IN WHICH THE GODS ARE HIDDEN...

SEARCH MY TENT, MY FATHER - ONLY ASK ME NOT TO MOVE FOR I AM FAINT!

SHORTLY THEREAFTER...

I SEARCHED THE CAMP COMPLETELY - THEY ARE NOT TO BE FOUND!

NOW, WHERE IS MY SIN? WHERE IS MY WRONG DOING OF WHICH THOU HAST ACCUSED ME?!

FOR TWENTY YEARS I HAVE LABORED FOR THEE AND TREATED THEE JUSTLY - AND THOU HAST NOT TREATED ME KINDLY BUT CHANGED MY WAGES TEN TIMES - THOU HAST DEALT UNJUSTLY WITH ME!

COME, LISTEN TO MY WORDS...

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