

**Behold! The Awesome
Opportunity And
Responsibility Of Fathers!**

Genesis 5:1-3

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*This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the **likeness** of God. Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created. When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own **likeness**, after his image, and named him Seth.*

3 Points

1. This passage is primarily concerned with the genealogy and the multiplication of the human race. If you trace it long enough, it will lead you to Jesus Christ!
2. There are some ways that men and women should be viewed together in roles they play and there are some ways that they play distinct roles.
3. Just as man was created in the likeness of God, so sons were created in the likeness of their fathers. Fathers (and mothers) are to play a representing role of God to their children.

Inference From Genesis 5:1-3

...the defining essence of fatherhood and the highest function of a dad is to represent and model the character of God to their children, who is our heavenly father!

The Gospel And Parenthood

The Bible calls parents to represent God to their children, but the Bible also affirms that we sin by misrepresenting God the Father and pass on a flawed understanding of Him.

Parents NEED the Gospel!!!

Romans 3:23, all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Back To Genesis 5:1-3

Adam sinned in Genesis 3 and became flawed as a representative of God. So when it says in Genesis 5 that his son was after his likeness and in his image, the passage communicates that the human race was multiplied and perpetuated in a flawed way!

BUT GOD...

3 Ways the Gospel is *good* news here:

1. Jesus Christ breaks the line of sinful perpetuation (Hebrews 1:3; John 14:9).
2. Jesus Christ crucified turns sin into opportunity!
3. Our children need to hear the Gospel, and our sin may form the ideal basis for sharing the Gospel with them.

A Word From Richard Baxter

“Get masters of families to do their duty, and they will not only spare you a great deal of labor, but will much further the success of your labors... You are not like to see any general reformation, till you procure family reformation. Some little religion there may be, here and there; but while it is confined to single persons, and is not promoted in families, it will not prosper, nor promise much future increase.”

J.W. Alexander

Were the head of the family is lukewarm or worldly, he will send a chill through the whole house! But where the head of the family is a man of faith, of affection and of zeal, consecrating all his works in a life to Christ it is very rare to find all his household to hold otherwise minded!

Fathers are the spiritual barometers of a home!

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Happy Father's Day!