A Prayer Workshop: *Morning Edition*

**Discovering and Applying Biblical Prayer Principles from Hebrews 11**

**Session Ten: The Faith of Parenting: Praying for Our Children**

**Hebrews 11:23**

(ESV***) By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict.***

Most of our lives include children, whether born to us, related to us, or introduced to us through other divinely orchestrated circumstances. How shall we pray over such a stewardship, and how shall we think about our responsibilities? What are the key principles for praying over the children in your life?

**1. We pray in the privilege and responsibility of God’s gift.**

Moses’ parents (Amram and Jochebed) were true to God even though the nation itself was idolatrous (Joshua 24:14). They did what they could to preserve his life. He was beautiful because like all babies, he was created in God’s image.

Scriptures: Exodus 2:1-10; Acts 7:17-22

Prayer prompts: Father, help us to live righteously before our children.

Father, we look to you to bring them to yourself.

Father, help us to see our children in Your Story.

**2. We pray in confidence of God’s providence, plan, and protection.**

Children are a stewardship of God, not our property, and we must pray for them as individuals answerable to God, and under His care. While we do not determine how a child will respond to God, we must do our part to give instruction and model grace. Proverbs 22:6 is a PROVERB, not a promise of salvation.

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 11:19; Ephesians 6:1-4; Colossians 3:20, 21

Prayer prompts: Father, help us teach our children to obey authority.

Father, help us teach our children to think critically.

Father, grant our children grace that they may love you.

**3. We pray with a view and plan of “letting go.”**

While we will always be “Dad,” “Mom,” “Grammy,” “Uncle,” or “Aunt,” we will not always be parents. That role ends at some point, giving way to the reality that each life is itself responsible to and before God.

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 29:29; 2 Corinthians 5:10

Prayer prompts: Father, grant us wisdom and energy to parent well.

Father, help us wisely to “let go” when it is time.

Father, help us, as a church, to support godly parenting.

Let’s pray. . . A Model Prayer for Our Children Psalm 78 (ESV)

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| 1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; mouth!  2 I will open my mouth in a parable;  I will utter dark sayings from of old,  3 things that we have heard and known,  that our fathers have told us.  4 We will not hide them from their children,  but tell to the coming generation  the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,  and the wonders that he has done.  5 He established a testimony in Jacob  and appointed a law in Israel, | which he commanded our fathers  to teach to their children,  6 that the next generation might know them,  the children yet unborn,  and arise and tell them to their children,  7 so that they should set their hope in God  and not forget the works of God,  but keep his commandments;  8 and that they should not be like their fathers,  a stubborn and rebellious generation,  a generation whose heart was not steadfast,  whose spirit was not faithful to God. |