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Psalm 102:18
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Sermon in a Sentence

Since the kind of adults that children become is a result of the influences in their lives, we have to make sure that we are influencing them for God.

Question

What are some things we need to instill in our children?

I. There is a God who cares. (vs. 19)

A. The psalmist began by showing God's compassion.

B. There is a God, and He cares a great deal for us.

- Psalm 103:8-14

⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever.

¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;

¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

¹³ As a father shows compassion to His children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.

¹⁴ For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

C. People of all ages need to be reminded occasionally that God cares for us.

II. There is freedom in Christ. (vs. 20)

A. God not only cares, He cares enough to act.

B. God hears our groans and sees our bondage and has sent His Son to set us free.

- Luke 4:18-19

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

- John 8:36

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

C. Our children need to know that true freedom will only be found in Christ.

III. **Believers have a responsibility to witness.** (vs. 21)

- A. The psalmist reminded God's people that they have a responsibility to bear witness of God's goodness.
- B. We have a responsibility to be a good witness for Christ.
 - a) Psalm 66:16
Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.
- C. No matter how young or old a person may be, we should all bear witness of God's goodness.

IV. **Believers have an opportunity to worship God.** (vs. 22)

- A. The psalmist pointed out that God's people are to worship Him as part of the body of Christ and the community.
- B. Those around us are in need of a visual reminder of the goodness of God and they get that when we are not afraid to worship.
 - Psalm 29:2
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.
- C. Teach your kids that it is okay to worship.

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