

Auditorium Class

Ephesians- "The Believers' Riches in Christ"

Winter Quarter, 2013

Lesson XI- Responsibilities of Children & their Fathers (6:1-4)/ Applications from Instructions to Servants & Masters (6:5-9)

Key Verse for the Epistle: *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ"* (Eph 1:3)

Paul continues to discuss familial relationships in the final chapter of the letter to the Ephesians beginning with a discussion of children obeying their parents. Children are told to obey their parents, while fathers are instructed not to provoke their children to wrath but bring them up in the Lord's nurture and admonition.

Paul also discusses the relationships that masters were to have with their servants while describing how servants were to act toward their masters. When masters and servants are seeking to do the will of God first, their actions toward each other will not be what the world would expect but rather guided by Christ and his love.

Questions:

1. What responsibilities do children have before their parents? (6:1-2)
2. What promise comes with the commandment to honor one's parents? (6:3)
3. What responsibilities does a father have toward his children? (6:4)
4. In what ways are servants to be obedient to their masters? (6:5-7)
5. What should motivate a servant to this kind of service? (6:8)
6. How were masters to treat their servants? (6:9)
7. Should the principles taught in Ephesians 6 concerning masters and servants apply to us in our lives today? Why or why not?