

Outline – June 5, 2022
Deuteronomy 6:4-7; Proverbs 24:3-5
Ephesians 5:28, 6:1-3
The Power And Purpose Of The Family

These Are Uncertain Times

- I. **What makes our lives so uncertain?**
 - A. Perilous times
 - B. Economic changes
 - C. Wars and rumors of war
 - D. Natural (weather) disasters
 - E. Health (Pestilence)
- II. **The importance and certainty of the family in the Biblical narrative**
 - A. The family was first institution ordained by God
 - 1. The first “small group”
 - 2. Given/created to support in life
 - 3. Foundation of society
 - B. Nothing shapes us more than the family
 - 1. Values – morals
 - 2. Personality
 - 3. Problem solving or drama
 - 4. Expression of love
 - 5. View of God, people, relationships
 - C. God revealed himself to the family of Abraham, Sara
 - D. Jesus born into a family
 - E. Greatest blessing is found in the family – attachment.
Greatest fear can happen – abandonment.
 - F. Families can know blessing and brokenness
 - G. Our soul absorbs the experiences of our family experiences
- III. **The Biblical components of the family**
 - A. Marriage between man and woman
 - 1. Jesus reiterated this in Matthew 19
 - B. Love from husband to wife
 - 1. Sacrificial love
 - 2. Serving love
 - 3. Saving love
 - 4. Sincere love
 - 5. Strong love
 - C. Wives to respect husbands
 - 1. Research of John Gottman
 - D. Children are to be a blessing
 - E. Children are to be trained
 - F. Children are to obey parents
 - G. Generations impacted by today’s decisions

- IV. **The Biblical responsibilities of family**
 - A. Train (your children) – Proverbs 22:6
 - B. Provide/protect – 1 Timothy 5:8
 - C. Priority of marriage
 - D. Promote the word/faith – Deuteronomy 6
 - E. Honor parents
- V. **These responsibilities and components shield the family from attacks.**
 - Five primary attacks on the family.**
 - A. Economic stability, security structure
 - B. Children
 - 1. Emotional
 - 2. Relational
 - 3. Mental
 - 4. Spiritual
 - 5. Physical
 - C. Health of parents
 - 2. Physical
 - 3. Mental
 - D. Relational (attacks)
 - 1. Bashing
 - 2. Cursing
 - 3. No honor shown
 - 4. No priority given
 - E. Spiritual life (attacked)
 - 1. Beware of idolatry
 - 2. Seek ye first kingdom of God
 - 3. Beware of bitterness
 - 4. Rejoice when persecuted
 - 5. Allegiance to Jesus and His Word
- VI. **What elements maintain families and keep them strong and certain in uncertain times?**
 - A. Knowledge – information
 - B. Understanding – comprehension
 - C. Wisdom – application
 - D. Word of God (an eternal guide, resource, tool)
 - 1. When used
 - 2. When understood
 - 3. When applied correctly
 - E. Grace of God
 - 1. Prodigal son

**When A Family Embraces Biblical Principles,
They Can Be Certain In An Uncertain World.**

