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*But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him,
and his righteousness with their children's children. Psalm 103:17*

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Foreword

Greetings to all far and wide—to those who are seeking a deeper peace and purpose for life and for your children, and to those who are looking for solid ground for your family in this ever-capricious and unreliable world. We are all longing for a peaceful home, a loving family, and deep, genuine relationships founded on graciousness, nobility and kindness. It is a dream that is universal and is found in fairy tales, legends and fantasies in all cultures and all societies across the world.

However, this dream is far from reality as people are finding themselves increasingly isolated, overwhelmed and hurting. In a country where one in four adults lives alone, children leave home never to return, half of marriages end in divorce, and mental illness is ever-increasing, people are losing hope.^[1] It is an utterly heart-breaking and unimaginable statistic, but it is true that the third leading cause of death in adolescents today is suicide.^[2] We are living in a world that is far away from the picture of the royal, regal, *Solely Priesthood* called by God in Exodus 19:6a... “*You will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.*”

Early in life, I found a personal relationship with God and grew to love Him very much by trying to imitate King David of the Bible. And like King David, I wanted to be the apple of God’s eye,^[3] so I hung on to the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20 and to Mark 12,

1 USA Today, “Census: More Americans are living alone,” 2013; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), “Mental Illness Surveillance Among U.S. Adults,” 2013

2 CDC, “Mortality Among Teenagers Aged 12-19 years: United States, 1999-2006”

3 Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings. Psalm 17:8

which tells us the greatest Commandment of all... *“Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:29b-30*

As I shared this relationship with others, they also started finding this Kingdom of Love, which offers freedom from anger, disappointment, poor relationships, a lack of peace and emptiness. And now, as a part of this growing Body of Believers at Remnant Fellowship, God has led us to the meekness, humility and love that is found in the Sermon on the Mount recounted in Matthew 6, which in turn has led to answered prayers... answered all day long. There is no peace like moving mountains each day with prayer versus human effort, with prayer versus words or arguments, with prayer versus binge eating or drinking or other escapes.

The healing from these teachings was phenomenal. As a result of the right foundation of putting the words from the Bible into practice, people have laid down idols of food, drugs, depression and self-focus, money, anger, selfishness, envy and jealousy. Marriages have been healed, and children are being raised with kindness and respect. Personal responsibility and the spirit of self-control and peace permeate this Church, where there is no gossip or backbiting, but rather a support system for purity and humility, and abounding love for this compassionate God.

New Creations are seen here... ordinary people who have been transformed; they are laying down greedy and immoral behaviors such as overeating, over-drinking, anger, rage, depression, lust, overspending, drugs and all types of bad habits and attitudes. I have witnessed massive weight loss, recovered alcoholics, drug-free addicts, cured chronic fear-bound and anxiety-ridden worriers... all

reformed from every stronghold or idol known to mankind! These transformations are permanent and profound because they have been approached correctly, in a humble and prideless way before the throne of the Almighty God. Countless men and women are turning away from the praise of man and man-made rules and are turning to the Great Physician—the Maker of our bodies, minds and souls—using His lead for hunger, for shopping, for making money, for speaking...and now these people walk by God's guidance and not by their own selfish desires.

At first it was noticeable, and then it became remarkable, and finally, over time it became increasingly amazing—defying statistics in every category. While the global economics and prospects for the future generations were diminishing, we were seeing the reverse. Our children are staying close to home, graduating earlier, excelling in the workplace, marrying earlier, buying homes earlier. They have less debt, more income, superior health, and a higher standard of living. This next generation's days look nothing like the days when I was their age, as they are making more friends at an early age and are keeping them for life—God-fearing friends around the globe.

We are watching trends being dramatically reversed with a depression-free, drug-free Church, with virtually no children with diagnoses such as Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), anxiety or depression. Families are not having to spend money on counseling or therapy, but rather they live joyful and hopeful and purposeful lives. Many of our youth are featured in concerts, plays and other community performances; they are employed quickly and promoted rapidly. They choose to stay close to family with a huge community-like support network. Rather than getting smaller, the families are becoming larger and larger, and their children are

not leaving. The unity, joy, peace, hope and love is priceless! These statistics are real, and it can happen to your family.

This is not a man-made doctrine or dogma about sacraments or rituals. It is not a mystery. This is an obtainable religion of putting the words of Christ into practice and experiencing a transformed life. Real religion, true religion, is a genuine love for God that will bring out a totally sacrificial, loving life all the way from the youngest to the oldest in the family.

It is all about who and what you love, and you fall in love with what you focus on. In a world of uncertainty, there is a message of certainty... there is nothing to lose and everything to gain. Beyond a doubt, this is an absolute possibility for your life and for the lives of those in your family—a deep healing is available for each and every person, as is liberation from unwanted habits, dependencies, lifestyle choices and behaviors that have been destroying our lives and relationships. You can experience the dependable power of the True Church, a Church built on the Rock of Jesus Christ who said, *“But the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me.” John 14:31a* It is an abundant life of hope, of beautiful relationships, of financial freedom, of health, and most important of all, of a relationship with God that is beyond anything we have ever experienced before. Read on to find out how this can be the reality for you and your family.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jon", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.



The foundation of a Godly family is having a loving fear of the Precious Creator and Heavenly Father above all. Saints—men and women and children—must adoringly fear the Lord to have this wonderful, peaceful, fun and blessed family life that you are longing for. You obey what you fear. Page 20.

Introduction to The God-Fearing Family

CHAPTER 1

You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. Exodus 19:4-6a

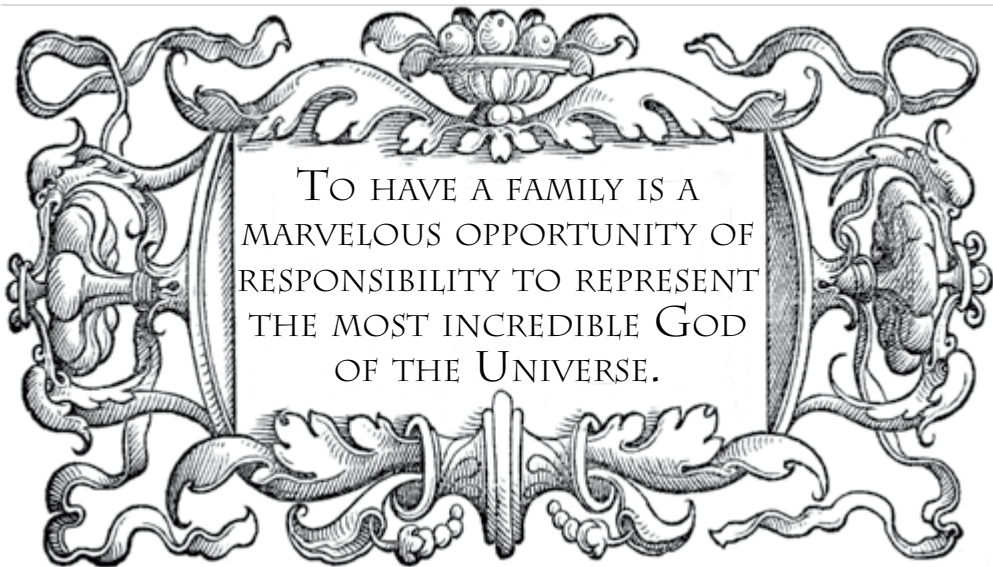
It is time for a restoration of God's ancient calling of God-loving and God-fearing families ... a Kingdom of Priests and a Holy Nation. There is a foundation that is essential for all families, and it is an **adoring** fear of God first and foremost. This is not merely an intellectual acknowledgment, but rather something felt deep inside—a feeling that a grave injustice on this Earth has been done to God, His Kingdom and the Heavens. It is an acknowledgment that it is time to right the wrong reputation of God—His will, His words, His undying love, His attention, His purpose—and then to right this grave injustice. The world has been blinded, and it has left the church and the family destroyed, for it is in the will of God that we live and thrive.

The family unit should mirror the Church structure, and each subunit builds the Church as they interconnect. The family unit is made of Christ-like humans who represent the Kingdom of God and His Church. Each family member must accept their role and responsibility within their family and not put this off onto the Shepherds, Elders, Deacons, counselors and teachers of the Church. To have a family is a marvelous opportunity and responsibility to represent the most incredible God of the Universe. But without the right perspective, we cannot build the Kingdom of Love, for it will only turn into a selfish endeavor. Never did God plan for there to be anti-authority, rebellion, strife, rage, control, moodiness, greed, selfishness, financial stress and disrespect in any of these family units that He created.

Do we all not long for the examples of love, affection, respect, gentleness, companionship, humor and family unity with an atmosphere of building one another up? Can the miracle of this transformation happen within your family? The answer is yes—but it must start with the foundation of *you*. It only takes one family member committing to fearing God and being concerned for God's reputation. You must accept this responsibility and then change your behaviors, functions and roles into what God has chosen you to become. If He made you a man, then it is the loving husband and head of the household. If He made you a woman, then it is the gentle, submissive wife. Why does the husband shirk his responsibility in exchange for peace or approval of man? Why does the wife want to play ruler of the household, telling everyone what to do? Why do people resent how their Maker has made them and the role that comes with each fantastical position? If you think your God-given role is mundane, no doubt the cat or the dog would love to trade places with you. How could we ask for more if we have been created

and made in God's image—made by choice to share eternity? What an honor!

If you are looking for a *God-Fearing Family*...if you are searching for beautiful peace between and among all family members, then start with yourself. How have you accepted your assigned height, body type, gender, race, talents, roles, intelligence, circumstances and authority line? How have you shown full acknowledge-



ment of such a high honor with taking care of your body and using the gifts God has given you? Have you tried in every way to tell God you adore Him and all His decisions by embracing your life as a wife or husband—are you the example that the world wants to follow? Or do you confuse the lines of authority and position?

King David was given everything, but he wanted more...so he took the wife of another man. Then, when David found out that Bathsheba was carrying his child, he essentially had Bathsheba's husband murdered on the front lines of war, then he married her,

hoping that his sin would not be discovered. However, God sent the Prophet Nathan to King David and exposed his sin.

Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." Nathan replied, "The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. But because by doing this you have made the enemies of the Lord show utter contempt, the son born to you will die." II Samuel 12:13-14

Notice that when the Lord spoils you with all you have and you still want the position or indulgence of more, the enemies rage at God as if He shows favoritism. In this case, King David—like lucifer or satan—was playing the role of immortal God and had thrown out his role of mortal man who could not grab or make or remove

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human life from Earth. When you want the role or position of what has not been given you—and what is more, when you seem to get excused to just sin again and again—you are making God's court of decision very difficult,

and you are making the growing of the Kingdom of God impossible. King David saved his own life but lost his child and then almost lost his kingdom because—for this moment in time—he despised the role he had been given and longed for something God had not given him.

What about you? Have you made it hard on God? Have you accepted your God-given role and looked at things from God's perspective? Have you lived to make God look good? And therefore have you made God look good with your life, with your marriage, with how you have raised your children? Or have you made the enemies of the Lord show utter contempt? It is time to reverse this

and accept what He has made and then glorify the CREATOR of the UNIVERSE with being the Royal Family, the Royal Priesthood, with men as Kings and women as royal Queens and the children as young Princes and young Princesses.

This royal family is the collection of the assigned Creation with all their individual roles that are beautiful in the sight of God and together are the glue that keeps the Royal Priesthood together, the family together. Let us take time to examine ourselves and all the roles of a God-Fearing Family so that we may glorify this marvelous *God of the Universe*, and may our families all be a beautiful offering before the Lord Almighty.

THE FAMILY—A STARTLING DECLINE

Sadly, God's beautiful vision of the family is becoming increasingly rare. We are living in a world where family, marriage and child-birth are facing a growing trend of reduction. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 41 percent of all births in the United States are to unmarried mothers. It is the "new norm" among women under 30, since more than one-half of all the births in that age group happen outside of marriage. The U.S. Census Bureau reports that in 2014, 48 percent of women between ages 15 and 44 had never had any children, which is up from 46 percent in 2012, so the trend of childlessness is increasing. This represents the highest percentage of childless women since the Bureau started tracking this data in 1976. The CDC also reported in 2013 that there were just 62 births for every 1,000 women between the ages of 15 and 44 in the United States—an all-time low. The

number of women ages 40 to 44 who only had one child roughly doubled between 1976 and 2014.^[1]

Marriage numbers are declining. The percentage of married households in the United States has fallen to a historic low—down to just 50 percent in 2012 from a high of 72 percent in 1960. About one in five adults in the United States (about 42 million Americans) have never been married.^[2] This dearth of marriage is also increasing in other parts of the world. In the United Kingdom, the number of women in their early fifties who have never married increased by 150 per cent over a period of 13 years.^[3] In addition, marriages are being dissolved at an alarming rate. In America, there is approximately one divorce every 37 seconds. That is nearly 2,300 divorces per day.^[4]

Researchers say that America has been experiencing a “cultural retreat from marriage” that has several drivers: a growing number of men and women are living together instead of marrying; many couples have children outside of marriage; and fewer people are affiliated with religious institutions than in the past.^[5] All of these facts have contributed to the current decline in marriages.

This decline in marriage is not just occurring in the United States. It is also decreasing worldwide. The average marriage in England now lasts 11 years.^[6] The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development reports that across their 35 countries, marriage

1 Pew Research Center, “The American family today,” 2015

2 United States Census Bureau

3 *The Telegraph*, “Rise of ‘Silver Singles’ After Hike in Divorce Rates in 70s Put Them Off Marriage,” 2017

4 National Center for Health Statistics, “National Marriage and Divorce Rate Trends”

5 Princeton University, *Future of Children*, “One Nation, Divided: Culture, Civic Institutions, and the Marriage Divide” 2015

6 *The Telegraph*, “Yes, Marriage is the ‘Gold Standard,’” 2017

rates have fallen from 8.1 marriages per 1,000 people in 1970 to 5.0 marriages per 1,000 people in 2009. Overall, they have found that there are “less people getting married, and those getting married are more likely to end up divorcing.”^[7]

So, there are more divorces worldwide and fewer people getting married ... and among the smaller numbers of the married, fewer are having children. Greater numbers of women are waiting longer to have children or are not having children at all. Even in those households with children, they found predominantly only one or two children. This is a drastic reversal of historical replenishing of the Earth.

At the same time that this cultural retreat from marriage is growing and the number of women having children is decreasing, the culture of alternative, selfish lifestyles is at an all-time high. The younger population has rejected traditional religion and the family household as the center of life for the glorification of God. No doubt, this generation believes that marriage and family would inhibit their lifestyle—being married would limit what they can do and when they can do it. It is a culture of “live it up for self now.” More than one in four adults in America live alone.^[8] God does use singles, for they can give more time, more of their mind, and more of their strength to the Church, serving the body of Christ. But if one chooses to be single out of *selfishness*, this is not the all-important **will of God**. The person who has chosen the path of remaining single for the right motive would be married to the Church and its needs. You would know by their actions and their motives why they decided to remain single.

7 OECD, 2011, “Doing Better for Families”

8 United States Census Bureau, 2014

The increase in divorce and decline in families is also affecting the physical and mental health of the next generation. Overall, there has been an increase in psychotropic drug use and a corresponding increase in mental illness. The CDC says that one out of two people will develop a mental illness in their lifetime.^[9] And there has been a tragic rise in depression rates and suicides in youth and young adults. According to the World Health Organization, depression is the top cause of illness and disability among adolescents, and suicide is the third cause of death.^[10] This demise of the family is frightening. What is the answer?

THE FOUNDATION OF THE GODLY FAMILY

Despite today's statistics, I have hope, for many have witnessed the reversal of these trends here at the Remnant. The foundation of all revivals for the Church and the family is based on a loving fear of God. It is based on the Will of the Heavenly Father. Deuteronomy 10:12 says to fear the Lord: *And now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul...*

The foundation of a Godly family is having this loving fear of the Precious Creator and Heavenly Father above all. Saints—men and women and children—must adoringly fear the Lord to have this wonderful, peaceful, fun and blessed family life that you are longing for. This fear is not about terror, but rather an adoring *respect*—to honor and uphold God, His genius, His decisions, His concepts of a glorious New Jerusalem, a City of Peace, which is the Kingdom of

9 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Report: "Mental Illness Surveillance Among U.S. Adults," 2011

10 World Health Organization, "WHO calls for stronger focus on adolescent health," 2014

God. This God is to be praised for His flawless ideas of what should be in Heaven and what should be separated out from the infinite heavenly existence that is beyond this life. God knows exactly what evil is composed of and how this dark substance should be removed. With this loving fear comes a desire to do things the way that God would want things done. That is the basis of removing evil or separating good from evil.

God is building a Kingdom of Love. To do this, He is taking each glorious spirit or human that He creates and separating out the evil. The Kingdom of God is in the heart of man,^[11] but it is made up of these interconnected wholesome hearts—all of the hearts that have gone thru a purification process of eradicating evil. They are tested, and then they are sent thru a refiner's fire, and miraculously the heat removes the tarnish and corruption.^[12] What remains is uncorrupted purity, like pure gold.

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But not only is God separating out and then gathering those who love with all of love's glorious components as described in I Corinthians 13, He is also separating out hate with all its miserable components of judgmentalness, pride, debauchery, lust and greed. God is taking this love that is left, and He is building a Super Community consisting of Pure Love that will be way beyond our imaginings and more formidable than any nation known to man. This love is found

11 "Nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you." Luke 17:21 "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people." Hebrews 8:10

12 He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness... Malachi 3:3

in God's subjects, in humans who have chosen His path of love. This Nation of love is divided into subunits called "family." The family unit is made up of the father, the mother, and the children, and in some cases, extended family members. It is a subgroup that reflects the Body of Christ. When the family gets large enough, it is almost like the tribes of Israel—interconnected families of love with all the units gathered together—and this is God's New Jerusalem, the City of Peace.

Think about this: God is building a Kingdom based on Pure Love, and the most powerful, influential substance in all the world is *love*. But this Kingdom can only be accomplished by separation—disconnecting the beautiful, the positive, the warm, the endearing, the delightful emotions and spirits, and completely severing them from the worst hateful emotions in the world. As a result, this society is beautiful at all times, kind at every moment, gentle all day long. This loving community is trained up in polished manners, showing respect for each creation of God, living purposely to help others with a clear understanding and motive that our reward is a relationship with God and building up God's Kingdom of Love. May our families also be known as God-fearing families made up of God-fearing men, women and children who treasure their assigned roles and live to promote this beautiful Kingdom.

In the Kingdom of Love, these children are educated in the fear of God first, and then the respect for others next. They are cultured, as a well-informed, *Royal Priesthood of Believers*—living to adore and serve the only Being that matters, the Glorious GOD of the Universe. He is the Leader of this life-force that is free of any evil. He is the One and only Source; He is the only Intelligence and Brain behind this *Super Community of Love*. This Lord God Almighty is the true King, the true Czar, the true President,

Emperor, Monarch, the only One who matters. He is the only Sovereign who was here from the beginning and the only Being that will live forever. He is the only Being that can create other life forms, the only Source that can extend life on Earth and then have life exist forever and ever and ever.

This Super Community was created and developed to belong to God, to this Great I Am who will exist after the great destruction here on Earth, and He will make a final and concise divide at that time, a division of all evil and all good. This is to be done at the end of time as we know it. If the Will of God was taught in this way, then God's Will *would* be done. If this Holy respect was understood—if every father, mother and child understood this—God's Will would automatically be done. Marriages would automatically become strong; children would be focused on their purpose and their goals. You would see plentiful marriages and families having many children and grandchildren. The Will of God would flourish, and peace and joy would abound. The Remnant of the Kingdom of Love was founded on that true loving, respectful, adoring fear and concern for God, His Will, and His Kingdom; and therefore we are witnessing the most beautiful and abundant marriages, a proliferation of beautiful, healthy births and strong, united families.

When we have a higher purpose—only pleasing God Almighty—and we are all united together in that one purpose, it does pull together an incredible organization called the Kingdom of God. It is time for this Holy Priesthood to flourish for the glory of God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.