

“The Epidemic Of Fatherless Homes”

Lesson Text: **Exodus 22:22-24a.**

I. The Problem Of Fathers Who Leave.

- This Is A Major Attack By Satan To Destroy The Home! **1 Peter 5:8; John 10:10.**
 - Satan Works Through Temptations And Evil Desires... **1 John 2:15-17; James 1:14-15.**
- Has Satan Done A Good Job In This Attack?
 - An estimated 24.7 million children (33%) live absent their biological father.
 - Of students in grades 1 through 12, 39 percent (17.7 million) live in homes absent their biological fathers.
 - 57.6% of black children, 31.2% of Hispanic children, and 20.7% of white children are living absent their biological fathers.
 - According to 72.2 % of the U.S. population, fatherlessness is the most significant family or social problem facing America.
- President Obama Even Addressed This Among Men in 2009.
- This Causes Severe Damage To The Home As God Designed It!

II. Why Do Fathers Leave?

- They Are Only Interested In Fulfilling Their Own Selfish Desires- **Ephesians 2:3.**
- They Don’t Want Any Responsibilities, Commitment, Or Burdens In The Home.
- They Want Freedom To Do As They Please, Without Any Restrictions.
- They Leave To Go Looking For “Greener Pastures.” **2 Timothy 3:1-4.**
- They Are Incarcerated And Are Away In Prison.
- They May Even Be Forced To Leave Because Of Abuse.
- They Are Tempted By The Tempter To Leave— Sin! **1 Timothy 5:8.** What Other Sins?

III. What Are The Effects On The Home?

- God Designed The Home With Two Parents For Good Reason!
- Two Oxen Yoked Together Share The Burden. What About When One Is Removed?
- Single Mothers Are Left To Raise Children Completely On Their Own. (15.04M Families 2022).
- Children Will Grow Up Without A Provider, Protector, And Father Figure In The Home.
- Some Things The Mother Cannot Teach Her Children By Herself.
 - How To Be A Real Man- **1 Kings 2:1-2; 1 Timothy 6:11-14.**
 - How To Be The Head Of The Home- **Ephesians 5:23.**
 - How A Husband Needs To Properly Treat His Wife- **Ephesians 5:25; 28-33.**
 - How To Be The Spiritual Leader Of The Home- **Ephesians 6:4.**

IV. What Fathers Who Leave Miss Out On...

- They Will Never Have:
 - The Satisfaction Of Having A Stable, Happy Home-life With His Family.
 - The Joys Of Being A Good Father, Who Is Loved & Adored By His Family.
 - The Satisfaction Of Watching Their Children Grow Up And Have Their Own Families.
 - The Blessing Of Seeing Your Children Obey The Gospel And Be Faithful To The Lord.

V. What Can We Do To Help Fathers Do Right?

- Teach The Bible On This Important Subject, And Often. **Proverbs 22:6.**
- Christ Needs To Be In The Home! **Matthew 6:33; Matthew 16:24-25.**
- Live Out This Teaching In Our Lives- Be A Good Example. **Philippians 2:15-16.**