

RESTORATION OF FAMILIES

Mal. 4:4-6

I. BEHOLD I SEND YOU A PROPHET

- A. Prepare the way for the coming of the Lord
- B. Prepare a people for the coming of the Lord
- C. Restoration of the family

II. TROUBLE IN THE FAMILY

- A. Spirit of turmoil and confusion
- B. Anger, hostility in families
- C. Erosion of family unit
 - 1. Divorce on rampage
 - 2. Need for commitment
- D. Influence of television - influence of good or evil
 - 1. Ideal family no longer portrayed
 - 2. Shows families in turmoil, drugs, infidelity

III. RESTORATION OF THE FAMILY

- A. Husbands, love your wives
- B. Wives, obey your husbands in the Lord
- C. Children, obey your parents
- D. The hearts of the fathers turned to children; children to fathers lest i come to smite the earth with a curse

IV. IMPORTANCE OF THE HOME

- A. Where role models are demonstrated
- B. Families are nurtured
- C. Covert from storm--refuge
 - 1. Families and homes in divine order offer protection from satanic forces
- D. Ground for training

V. NEED FOR STABLE HOME

- A. Offers security
- B. Gives certainty, direction, and purpose
- C. Creates atmosphere of peace

VI. NEED FOR DISCIPLINE

- A. Shows you love and care
- B. Boundaries offer security to children
- C. Need for consistency

VII. NEED FOR SHARED TIME--TOGETHERNESS

- A. Everyone going own direction, doing own thing
- B. Planning time and activities together

- C. Says that what you are doing is important
- D. Today, step on toes, tomorrow step on heart

VIII. THE FUTURE OF OUR SOCIETY DEPENDS UPON THE
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