

Morning Lesson

THE KEEPER OF THE SPRING

Gen. 2:18-25

INTRO:

1. Henry Grady, a journalist, wrote, "the home is the capitol of America."
2. The problems we face today as a society can be traced to the breakdown of the home.
3. God intended for the home to be the keeper of the spring for all humanity.

THE HOME WAS PLANNED FOR...

I. ...THE CONTINUATION OF THE HUMAN RACE. Gen.1:26

- A. Children can be produced outside of marriage, but only by paying a price. **Heb. 13:4**
- B. Reproduction is intended as a blessing, not a curse.
Psalm 127:3-5
- C. We are paying for removing the keeper of the spring.

II. ...MEETING THE NEEDS OF MEN AND WOMEN.

- A. Emotional needs and sex drive are both given by God
1 Cor. 7:1-4
- B. But needs are more than physical.
- C. The unhappiness that many feel stems from the absence of the keeper of the spring.

III. ...THE CREATION OF A CHRISTLIKE CHARACTER.

- A. **1 Peter 3** discusses Christian character.
- B. To be a good husband a man needs to know himself, women in general, his wife, and God. **Prov. 18:22**
- C. We need the keeper of the spring.

IV. ...THE TRAINING OF CHILDREN.

- A. Children must be trained. **Eph. 6:1-4; Prov. 22:6.**
- B. Think of all the values that children must learn.
Gal. 5:22, 23; 2 Pet. 1:5-8
- C. Parents have the best opportunity to instill values.

V. ...A SHARED LIFE AND AS A HAVEN OF SAFETY AND RECUPERATION.

- A. We all need a place where we can go to be refreshed.
- B. In Christian homes and relationships there is refreshment.
1Tim. 1:16