

I. Introduction

II. Jesus' Manhood

- A. Jesus is unique in every way.
 - 1. In one sense, it is not possible to compare anyone with Him.
 - 2. Yet, we are all called to follow His pattern, example (1 Peter 2:21-24).
 - a) And, as we have said, if you want to honor God as a young man or woman, as a child to your parents, you cannot do anything better than obey the pattern of Jesus Christ.
 - b) His life, and death, is instructive to everyone, but particularly to children.
- B. We mention this because Jesus was in a unique position as He entered His early thirties (Luke 3:23), His time of ministry.
- C. Remember, the last information you had of Jesus is that He was continually in subjection to His earthly parents from twelve years of age onward.
 - 1. This subjection characterized Him.
 - 2. This subjection continued well into His life as a grown man.
 - 3. Yet, this subjection was necessary because He was not married, as we saw above.
- D. Now, Jesus is seen as leaving the household of Joseph and Mary.
 - 1. Joseph probably died within the year or two of Jesus' ministry.
 - a) The memory of him was fresh (Matthew 13:55; Luke 4:22; John 6:42 [using a perfect tense verb indicates a fresh memory of Joseph]).
 - b) As the oldest Son, Jesus would have been responsible for the care of the household, like it or not.
 - c) Mary, apparently, never remarried.
 - 2. With this in mind, we now see Jesus entering into a phase of life unique to Him alone.
- E. Jesus never married.
- F. The Lord's life was dedicated to the will of One-His Father.
 - 1. John 4:34; 5:30; 6:37-38; 10:18.
 - 2. Philippians 2:8
- G. Jesus Christ was, as a Son, under the will and desires of His Father.
 - 1. It was His Father who commanded the Son to ask of Him for a world and nations to receive-Psalm 2.
 - 2. It was His Father who ordained the fall of the creation He gave to the Son-Genesis 3.
 - 3. It was His Father who commanded the Son to enter time as an infant-Galatians 4:4
 - 4. It was His Father who commanded the Son what to do and say at every moment-
 - a) John 12:49-50

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- c) This assumes that God had authority over the Son.
 - d) This assumes a holy motive from the Son-love.
 - 2. Jesus honored His Father before men.
 - a) John 8:49; 10:29; 14:28.
 - b) This means to exalt Him in the hearing of others.
 - 3. Jesus loved His Father.
 - a) This is clear from His obedience.
 - b) John 14:31
 - 4. Jesus was loved by the Father.
 - a) John 17:24
 - b) Matthew 3:16-17 "My beloved Son, in Whom I am well-pleased."
- J. Therefore, all that He did as an adult, was in direct obedience to His Father.
- K. Consequently, this is the righteousness of children as well-obey and honor your father AND mother.
 - 1. Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16
 - 2. Mark 7:10
 - 3. Ephesians 6:1-3
 - 4. Colossians 3:20
- L. Does this even apply to older sons/daughters?
 - 1. Yes.
 - 2. The son/daughter will never be older than the father.
 - 3. Therefore, the instructions of a wise father will be = "This is how you obey Jesus Christ through life's turns and twists."
 - 4. So, there is never a reason to despise, reject, laugh at, the instructions, behaviors, desires, will of parents.
 - 5. Remember, Jesus even obeyed to the point of death, the death that the Father willed for Him (for the redemption, and infinite good of His children).

III. Conclusion

- Tomorrow, we will see how all of this comes together from the book of Hebrews.