



The Word of God declares that in the last days, perilous times shall come.

You must agree that these are dangerous times **now**, when man cares very little for his fellow man.

The Church Age is nearing its' end since Israel became a nation in 1948.

Israel is wanting to rebuild its' temple on , the very spot where the Dome of the Rock is today, which the antichrist will enter and sit on its' throne and declare himself "god" to this world.

But before that happens, the **true church (WHO ARE FEW IN NUMBER)** will be caught up to meet our Lord in the air.

Therefore, the Spirit and the Bride say, **COME! He that is thirsty, COME!**

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## TRAIN UP a child *in the way he should go...*

### A Personal Lesson in OBEEDIENCE!

When I was young, my mother, my two sisters and I lived on the third floor of an apartment building, facing the street. One day, we heard the sound of the truck that sold popcorn in our neighborhood.

As the truck parked across from our building, my mom, a single parent, decided to treat us, and sent me, the oldest, to buy some popcorn.

In my excitement, I ran down three flight of stairs and out the front door, with my eyes fixed on the popcorn truck. But my mother, watching from the open window, had a much broader view.

She saw a car speeding down the street towards my position as I raced

towards the truck. Out of fear and concern, she shouted, "STANLEY."

I immediately **STOPPED**, and turned towards her just in time to feel the breeze of that car whizzing pass me.

My obedience to her spoken word that day possibly saved my life.

God's word instructs parents to "**Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it**" (PROVERBS 22:6).

My mother believed in the word of God, and knew that her first duty was to teach her children "obedience." I recognized the sound of her voice, and obeyed it.

And yet, how many times

have you witnessed in a public place parents who have no verbal control over their own children?

The words "train up" means "to narrow" and to discipline in the way.

My mother gave me "boundaries," which were extended as I matured. When I crossed those boundaries, she verbally and/or physically corrected me.

This is a picture of me sitting on the instrument that taught me "obedience." Mom simply said, "Do not touch."

She pretended to read the paper, but waited for the opportunity to teach me obedience.

It is the **NATURE** of every child to disobey, just as Adam and Eve disobeyed God.



My love for music enticed me to disobey my mother, turning the knobs, and sending the volume blasting on the radio. But mom took the time to teach me that obedience was better than fulfilling my desires. "Children, obey your parents in the Lord... WHY?...for this is RIGHT" (Eph. 6:1). Then, she took my picture.

### WORDS TO REMEMBER...

- ◆ **Proverbs 23:14-15:** "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell."
- ◆ **Ephesians 6:4:** "...ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture **AND** admonition of the Lord."
- ◆ **Proverbs 23:22-23:** "Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old. Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding."

### God's INSTRUCTION for Raising Children

"The **ROD and RE-PROOF** give wisdom; but a child left to himself bringeth hs **MOTHER to shame**" (PROVERBS 29:15).

Why the "mother" and not the father? Because it is the mother who is the comforter, and whose soul will "...spare for his crying" (PROVERBS 19:18).

It is not natural for a parent to enjoy disciplining their child. It is difficult to see the tears and hear the cries. Yet, God instructs us to "**Chasten thy son WHILE there is HOPE,**" that is, while he is still as a tender plant

that can be directed in the way he should go.

"Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest: yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul" (PROVERBS 29:17).



Sadly, too many parents have no rest, but suffer grief, due to a lack of correction while their child was young.

"**Foolishness is BOUND**

in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him" (PROVERBS 22:15).

Not a rod stemming from anger, frustration or meanness, but one of love for the purpose of teaching.

God declares, "He that SPEARETH his rod hateth his son. But he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes [EARLY]" (PROV. 13:24).

When children learn to honor their parents, they will grow to honor God, their Creator (1 SAM.2:30).