

The Mission of God for the Family

1. The Three Spheres of Eden: garden, land, wilds

- (Chesterton on need for both Home and Adventure):
 - Jurisdictions
 - Faithfulness.
- Adam: Called to a task he can't accomplish in need of resurrection wisdom
 - Fill - Fruitful and Multiply
 - Transform - Dominion
 - Garden (Home/Homemaking, Wife, Children - Responsibility and the Gift of Submission)
 - Guard - Fruitful in each garden made of dirt - Eden, Adam, Eve, church (Gen. 2-3, SoS 4:12-16, Ps. 128, Col 1:6,9-10; Phil. 1:21-22, Gal. 5:14-15; 22-23)

2. Triune Family - Covenantal and Allegorical nature of the family

- Covenant vs. Biology - Ephesians 3:14-15 - Identity is grounded in the Imago Dei
- Triune Reflections in the Family (Gen. 1-2)
- Be like Jesus (1 Cor. 11:3) Headship like our Triune Creator's
- The Fruit of the Spirit: Communal fruitfulness in a well-gardened home (

1. Fierce Domesticity (Husbanding the Home, Gardening the Land) *"The watchdog fights while the wild dog often runs away. Of the husband, as of the house-dog, it may often said that he has been tamed into ferocity."* G.K. Chesterton

- Born Hungry - Gen. 1:29-31; Deut. 8:3, Matt. 4:4; John 6:22-40 (Chronos vs. The Wedding Supper of the Lamb)
- Sphere of the home: people making and forming; Homemakers as Imago Dei (John 14:2; Titus 2:5)
- Sphere of the land: Bringing home the bacon - Titus 2:9-10; Deut. 5:19; Prov. 30:9; Eph. 4:28; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 4:12 (fulfilling the two callings of Adam, Dominion that blesses the home and a home that then blesses the dominion; steadfastness in a distracted age)

1. Dragon Slaying and Treasure Hunting (Dominating the Wilds aka Why to Have Children)

- The Hunting of the Dragon by GK Chesterton
 - How to Love Hating the Dragon
 - Telling the same story about your life that God is telling with your life
- Two aspects of a stretching dominion:
 - Dragon Hunting (Internal [confession to God] Interpersonal [Confession and forgiveness] Ecclesiastical [Being a part of the Body of Christ's ministry] External [Choosing and embracing your calling])
 - Treasure Hunting (Educating, Leaving, Cleaving, Inventing, Investing, Dying)
 - This is the Mission of **your** Children (Comp. Ex. 20:12 w/ Eph. 6:2-3)

2. Heel-Stones and Seed-Corn (Raising Dangerous Sons and Daughters)

- Eve's Promise (Gen. 3:15)
- Hardening the heels of your children: Discipline in the home (teach, train, tan hides)
- Filling the seed bags: dying so your children might live to garden the wilds (Gen. 15)

3. Vessels of Wisdom and Tresses of Glory (Wives as dragon-fire and the nature of submission)

- Adam's need for a help-meet
- What is submission?
- The gift of submission
- Ishah-Fire from Man's Side returned to the Man's Hearth (or, building a home)
- Glory and a Crown

4. Wombs of authority - Wives as Eves (The Mother of all the living)

1. Prov. 31 is for moms and sons (motherhood's authority) (Prov. 15:20)
 2. Mom University (what mom's teach - integrating reality and identity) (Gal. 4:26; 1 Thess. 2:7, SoS 3:11;)
5. **Guarding and Gardening the Garden** - Sex, wisdom, and the defeat of death. (Brave New Family p. 187)
1. Song of Solomon is wisdom literature
 2. Your body is made of dirt and your spouse is the gardener (1 Cor. 7:4).
 3. Sexual shame is a shameless age: Recovering from Sexual Sin (John 19:25-27; Col. 2:13-15; 1 John 1:9)
 4. Deep Allegory: Beyond Lingerie and Chocolates (Eph. 5:29-33)
3. **The Death and Resurrection of the Family**
1. Your Father the devil - Rivalry and the Family
 2. The sword of Jesus cutting down the family - The Family as false savior
 3. The family buried amongst the tombs like seed - From Rivalry to Harmony (Mark 5:1-20; 7:31-37; Eph. 5:14-21)
 4. The Family rebuilt: Reading scripture without Emo Kid's tone - Tom Bombadil, Ecclesiastes, and Col. 3:18-21 (and Eph. 5:22-6:3)