Message: He that spareth his rod hateth his son

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Memory verse: Proverbs 22:6 KJV

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Bible reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-14 KJV And the child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision. [2] And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see; [3] And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep ; [4] That the Lord called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I. [5] And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down. [6] And the Lord called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again. [7] Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, neither was the word of the Lord yet revealed unto him. [8] And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the Lord had called the child. [9] Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, Lord ; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. [10] And the Lord came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth. [11] And the Lord said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle. [12] In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end. [13] For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not. [14] And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

Sins of the son's of Eli, **1 Samuel 2:12-17 KJV** Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the Lord. [13] And the priests' custom with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand; [14] And he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither. [15] Also before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw. [16] And if any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and then take as much as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, Nay; but thou shalt give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force. [17] Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the Lord : for men abhorred the offering of the Lord.

Proverbs 13:24 KJV He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

The rod is

- Discipline
- Correction
- Instructions
- Chastisement
- Instilling obedience
- Instilling morals

The rod will direct the ways of your children

- It will make them to stand high in the society
- It will make them to know the ways of the lord and how to please him
- It will make them to be morally sound in the society
- It will make them to escape the wrath and punishment of God

Consequences of sparing the rod

- Failure in the society
- Not matching up with mates
- Thuggery, criminals
- Slaves in the society
- Untimely death

Eli lost his two son's in one day due to their disobedience to God's ways....

Prayer

I'm praying this hour that our children shall yield to divine instructions in the name of Jesus

- Teach me O lord so that I can teach my children in the name of Jesus
- Lying and disobedience spirit shall not capture the souls of my children in the name of Jesus
- Powers hardening the hearts of my children to divine instructions release them and die in the name of Jesus
- Holy spirit arrest my children in the name of Jesus
- Powers bent on wasting my children destroy yourself in the name of Jesus