

**SERIES:** *why?*

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[1] “Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them.

[2] But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves.

[3] Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,” says the LORD Almighty.

[4] “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

[5] “See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes.

[6] He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.

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*Why do I emphasize the family?*

1. The family is God's \_\_\_\_\_ for society.

- \_\_\_\_\_ families make \_\_\_\_\_ societies.
- *Genesis chapters 1-11*

2. The family is God's source for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ one another.

- The family \_\_\_\_\_ who God is.
- The family \_\_\_\_\_ us of God's deep love.
  - Everyone \_\_\_\_\_
  - We all \_\_\_\_\_ – we really do!
- God desires \_\_\_\_\_ children.
  - **Malachi 4:6** *He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.*

3. Our families \_\_\_\_\_.

- *"But don't you know?"*
- We must be \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.
- A life of \_\_\_\_\_ is a life of \_\_\_\_\_.
- The family \_\_\_\_\_ everything.

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## **Happy Mother's Day!**

I want to welcome all of you to worship today. It is a special day when we get to honor our mothers and special women in our life, and when we welcome families to join with us. If you are a guest today we want to thank you for coming and encourage you to come back in the future.

Many of you will be here for our Parent/Child Dedication time. This is a time in which parents dedicate themselves and their children to the Lord. What a special time it is for children, parents, and grandparents.

We have this special time because of our intense interest in marriages, families, and children. We know that the greatest need in society relates around our family relationships.

Today we are starting a new sermon series entitled: *why?*

I want to use this sermon series to help us understand the *why* of things that we do and *why* those things are so important. Today we try to answer the question, "*Why do we emphasize the family?*"

We sincerely and fervently pray that God will bless you individually, and as a family. We pray that God would create strong, godly, and healthy families in our community. We are truly thankful that you are with us today and pray that God would bless and protect you.

Two things that we need you to know:

1. As you leave the Worship Center today, the FBCCov Women's Ministry has a gift for each of the ladies here – please stop by and pick yours up.
2. We have scheduled a Congregational Meeting on Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:45PM. This will be a time to give you an update on the things going on at FBC Covington and all of our campus.

