

# Malachi Men Lesson 10 “Parenting” Part 3 Facilitators Notes

## ONE LARGE GROUP

### PRAYER:

**PURPOSE:** Provide an overview of what the Bible says about: God, man, marriage, and parenting

### ASSUMPTIONS:

- God exists & He is sovereign (He is alive & active)
- God’s word is truth (God revealed the Bible for our benefit & guidance)
- The Bible is all we need to understand our world, and live to please God. This allows us to help our families, neighbors, and country

### THEME: “Two Paths”

- Every day we decide to either obey God or disobey (honor God or self?)
- There are consequences to each path

### LESSON 9 REVIEW:

- Children look up to their fathers
- Children need discipline (they have a foolish heart)
- Discipline is physical & verbal
- Have a high view of marriage (husband/wife relationship is priority)

### OBJECTIVES OF LESSON 10:

- General objective of godly training: love God & love people
- How to use the Bible to teach children about sex
- Suggested verses for: pride, drinking, honesty, money, anger

### BIBLE:

- The Bible answers all of man’s greatest questions
  - Where did I come from?
  - What is my purpose?
- The Bible covers all of life
  - Family & parenting, anthropology, sociology, psychology
  - Government, labor, church, Science, language, history

### PARENTING, GENERAL TEACHING:

#### Q – What is the general goal of godly teaching?

**Mt 22:36-40** (957) Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” “This is the first and great commandment.” “And the second is like it: “you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” “On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

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Ro 7:12 (1105) Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.

**ANSWER 1:** Raise children to love God and love other people

### Notes:

- If we love God we will obey Him
- If we love other people we will treat them like we want to be treated
- As your child grows use more exhortation and less rod
- As you admonish more, your influence increases
- Always relate discipline to Scripture (what would please God?, What has God said about this?)

Ps 1 (572) Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper. The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

**ANSWER 2:** Show children the two paths in life

### Notes:

- Study God’s Word & obey God = blessed (congregation of righteous)
- Listen to man’s word & obey man = cursed (judged with ungodly sinners)

Ja 1:14-15 (1183) But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

**ANSWER 3:** Show children the progression of sin

**Note:** Sequence = lust, to temptation, to sin, to death

Ecc 12:13-14 (677) Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

Rev 20:12&15 (1215) And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books....And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of fire.

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**ANSWER 4:** Show children the consequences of sin

**Note:** Sin will be judged by God, unbelievers spend eternity in hell

Prov 4:23 (647) Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.

Mt 15:18-20a (948) But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man.

**Answer 5:** Show children the source of sin

**Note:** The heart is the source of all strong sinful desires (therefore watch your heart)

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**SMALL GROUPS** (each group reviews the following material)

**Review Homework:** (ask the following questions)

- What did you learn? Are you now thinking differently?
- Do you understand God better? Do you understand yourself better?
- Are you resolved to act differently?

**Recite Prior Memory Verses:** (Gen 1:1, Prov 4:23, Eph 1:3, Jn 17:17, 1 Cor 12:7, Gen 2:24, Eph 5:25, Prov 14:26, Prov 22:6)

**PARENTING TEACHING TOPICS:**

**Q – Why does God give us do’s & don’ts?**

**ANSWER:** For our benefit & His glory

**Q – How can the Bible be used to teach children about sex?**

**ANSWER 1:** Teach the proper role of sex (Gen, etc. from prior weeks)

Gen 2:24 (3) Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Heb 13:4 (1181) Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

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**ANSWER 2:** Warn about improper sex

Dt 5:18 (200) You shall not commit adultery

Prov 6:32-35 (648) Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding; he who does so destroys his own soul. Wounds and dishonor he will get, and his reproach will not be wiped away. For jealousy is a husband’s fury; therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance. He will accept no recompense, nor will he be appeased though you give many gifts.

1 Cor 6:18 (1119) Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

1 Thes 4:3 (1158) For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality.

**ANSWER 3:** Give illustrations of proper and improper response to temptation

**Joseph** (proper response to temptation)

Genesis 39:5-9&12 (44) So it was, from the time that he had made him overseer of his house and all that he had, that the Lord blessed the Egyptian’s house for Joseph’s sake; and the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had in the house and in the field. Thus he left all that he had in Joseph’s hand, and he did not know what he had except for the bread which he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. And it came to pass after these things that his master’s wife cast longing eyes on Joseph, and she said, “Lie with me.” But he refused and said to his master’s wife, “Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand. There is no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. *How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?*”... That she caught him by his garment, saying, “Lie with me.” But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside.

**David** (improper response to temptation)

A. *Temptation and sin*

2 Sam 11:2-6 (343) Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king’s house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold. So David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said, “Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?” then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house. And the woman conceived; so she sent and told David, and said, “I am with child.” Then David sent to Joab, saying, “Send me Uriah the Hittite.” And Joab sent Uriah to David.

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### *B. Attempted Cover Up (plan A)*

2 Sam 11:8-9, 11, 13 (343) And David said to Uriah, “Go down to your house and wash your feet.” So Uriah departed from the king’s house, and a gift of food from the king followed him. But Uriah slept at the door of the king’s house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house.... And Uriah said to David, “The ark and Israel and Judah are dwelling in tents, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are encamped in the open fields. Shall I then go to my house to eat and drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing.”... Now when David called him, he ate and drank before him; and he made him drunk. And at evening he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

### *C. Murder (plan B)*

2 Sam 11:14-15 (343) In the morning it happened that David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. And he wrote in the letter, saying, “Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat from him, that he may be struck down and die.”

2 Sam 11:16-17 (343) So it was, while Joab besieged the city, that he assigned Uriah to a place where he knew there were valiant men. Then the men of the city came out and fought with Joab. And some of the people of the servants of David fell; and Uriah the Hittite dies also.

### *D. Attempted Cover Up (Plan C)*

2 Sam 11:27 (344) And when her mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord.

### *E. Confession (Plan D)*

2 Sam 12:13-14 (344) So David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” And Nathan said to David, “The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die. However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you shall surely die.”

### *F. David’s son Amnon rapes David’s daughter Tamar (consequences of sin)*

2 Sam 13:1,11 14 (345) After this Absalom the son of David had a lovely sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her....Now when she had brought them to him to eat, he took hold of her and said to her, “come, lie with me, my sister.”...However, he would not heed her voice; and being stronger than she, he forced her and lay with her.

### *G. David’s son Absalom (Tamar’s brother) kills his half-brother Amnon*

2 Sam 13:28 (346) Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, “Watch now, when Amnon’s heart is merry with wine, and when I say to you, “Strike Amnon!” then kill him. Do not be afraid. Have I not commanded you? Be courageous and valiant.”

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H. *Absalom attempts to kill David* (consequences of sin)

2 Sam 15:10 (349) Then Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, “As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then you shall say, “Absalom reigns in Hebron!”

I. *Absalom rapes 10 of David’s concubines* (consequences of sin)

2 Sam 16:21-22 (351) And Ahithophel said to Absalom, “Go in to your father’s concubines, whom he has left to keep the house; and all Israel will hear that you are abhorred by your father. Then the hands of all who are with you will be strong.” So they pitched a tent for Absalom on the top of the house, and Absalom went in to his father’s concubines in the sight of all Israel.

J. *Joab kills Absalom* (consequences of sin)

2 Sam 18:14 (353) Then Joab said, “I cannot linger with you.” And he took three spears in his hand and thrust them through Absalom’s heart, while he was still alive in the midst of the terebinth tree.

K. *Adonijah (brother of Absalom) attempts to kill David* (consequences of sin)

1 Ki 1:5-6 (363) Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, “I will be king”; and he prepared for himself chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. And his father had not rebuked him at any time by saying, “Why have you done so?” He was also very good looking. His mother had borne him after Absalom.

**ANSWER 4:** Analyze the results of sin

### David & Bathsheba’s Sin

- What did David expect? (an evening of fun with Bathsheba)
- What did David get?
  - Adultery
  - Unwanted pregnancy
  - Lying, cover up
  - Murder of a loyal friend
  - Death of baby
  - Rape of daughter by a son
  - Son killed by another son
  - Son starts revolt against David
  - Rape of 10 concubines
  - Son is killed
  - Second son starts revolt against David and is killed by another son
- Sin is a lie, it opposes God’s truth, it is from Satan, it never delivers as expected

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## Events according to Ja 1:14-15

- Lust
  - David’s heart is sexually lustful
  - David had eight wives and ten concubines
- Temptation
  - David set up his own temptation (no barriers in place)
  - Should have been with his army, not in Jerusalem
  - Should have been asleep (got up from bed)
  - Intentionally looked from the roof of his palace (high point in town)
  - Saw a beautiful woman bathing
- Sin
  - David actively pursued sin (gave in to his own temptation)
  - David asked who she was (the wife of a loyal friend)
  - David invited her to his residence
  - David had sex with her
- Death
  - Failed cover ups
  - Sexual sin (adultery, rape of daughter & 10 concubines)
  - Two revolts by David’s son’s
  - Death (Uriah, baby, three of David’s sons-Amnon, Absalom, Adonijah)

## Possible Consequences for a teenager today

- Sin against God and family: guilt
- Unwanted pregnancy: dishonor
- Abortion: death of the baby, sin against relatives, guilt
- Health consequences: disease, complications from: pregnancy, delivery, abortion
- Financial consequences: expense of delivery & raising child, law suit
- Educational consequences: drop out of school

## Notes:

- David learned from his sin with Bathsheba and left us Ps 32 & 51, Prov 4:1-6
- Scripture is written as an example for us (Ro 15:4, 1 Cor 10:6 & 10:11)
- If we learn from Scripture we will avoid much suffering

Ro 15:4 (1112) For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

1 Cor 10:6 (1122) Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.

1 Cor 10:11 (1122) Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

## ANSWER 5: Counsel how to avoid sin

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Job 31:1 (562) I have made a covenant with my eyes; why then should I look upon a young woman?

Ps 119:9&11 (630) How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your Word....Your Word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

Prov 13:20 (654) He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed.

1 Cor 15:33 (1128) Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits.”

### Notes:

- Control what you look at (people, TV, magazines) and what you listen to.
- Study God’s Word (know the truth)
- Watch where you go (don’t be where there is temptation)
- Carefully pick your friends (you become like them)

### Q – How can the Bible be used to teach children about Pride?

Some Verses: Prov 8:13, 11:2, 16:18, 18:12, 21:24, 27:1, 29:23; Dan 4:4-37; 2 Sam 24:1-25

### Q – How can the Bible be used to teach children about Drinking?

Some Verses: Prov 20:1, 21:7, 23:19-21, 23:29-35; 1 Cor 5:11, 6:9-11; 1 Pe 4:1-4

### Q – How can the Bible be used to teach children about Honesty?

Some Verses: Ex 20:16; Ps 19:14, 39:11-14, 141:3; Prov 8:6-8, 12:22, 19:9; Eph 4:15, 4:23, 4:29

### Q – How can the Bible be used to teach children about Money?

Some Verses: Mt 6:24; Ro 13:8; 1 Tim 6:10

### Q – How can the Bible be used to teach children about Anger?

Some Verses: Prov 10:12, 12:16, 14:16-17, 15:1, 15:18, 19:11, 25:28, 29:22, 30:33; Mt 5:21-22; Eph 4:26; Col 3:8; Ja 1:19-20

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## SUMMARY:

- General teaching goal: love God & love people
- Show 2 paths in life: blessing & curse
- Teach sins progression: lust, temptation, sin, death
- Identify consequences of sin: suffering, dishonor, death, etc.
- Show the source of sin: man’s heart
- Possible sequence for all teaching topics:
  - Summarize Scriptural teaching
  - Look for biblical illustrations
  - Analyze the biblical example
  - Look for contemporary examples
  - Identify how to prevent/avoid sinning

## HOMEWORK:

- Memorize: Ps 119:105
  
- Read: Daniel 4:4-37
  - How can you use this story to teach children about pride?
  - Can you think of current examples of prideful sin?
  - What are some ways to prevent sinful pride?
  - What is the difference between legitimate pride and sinful pride?
  - Why is God opposed to the proud?

**Memory Verse:** (repeat as a group)

Psalm 119:105 (632) Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**Memory Hint:** Association – Be familiar with the content of the ten verses before and the ten verses after your memory verse. Know the context and message God is conveying