

## **PARENT - CHILDREN DEDICATION**

**Luke 2:22-35; 1 Samuel 1:1-28; Deuteronomy 6:4-7**

**(Brief outline, add own comments)**

**Introduction:** Use your own introduction, applicable to your own church family situation.

### **I. PARENTS ARE CO-PARTNERS WITH GOD IN CREATION**

- God is the ultimate source of all life.
- Man/woman have seed, but seed comes from God.
- Hannah asked of God.

### **II. POWERS OF CREATION BRINGS RESPONSIBILITIES**

- God stays in charge but allows freedoms within His creation.
- God expects obedience, etc....and deserves it!
- Respect, obedience is deserved only when that parent leads such a deserving life.
- Reverence is deserved when parents lead an upright life.
- Discuss the expected physical care of children.
  - Assumed care is not sufficient.
  - Character of children cannot be assumed or left to the care of others.

### **III. MOST FORMABLE YEARS ARE THE FIRST FEW**

- Parents have only a few years to impress their children.
- Either parents or the world will teach the children.

### **IV. GOD'S WORD IS THE BEST GUIDE**

- Any nation or civilization that has gone by God's word in home life has been blessed and has been strong.
- Any who leave God's word to follow popular or the world's way has had family disintegration.

### **V. GOD HOLDS PARENTS ACCOUNTABLE**

- The husband/father is accountable for his children.
- The wife/mother is accountable for her children.
- Husband/father and wife/mother are both accountable for their children before God.

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. Parents, be thankful for God's gift to you.
2. Parents, commit your ways to the Lord.