

8-12-18 Children's Sunday
THE HEROES OF THE BIBLE

This is Children's Sunday, and every Children's Sunday Pastor brings a message specifically geared to the young people of the church.

Every young person needs a role model that they can look up to and follow. The Bible is filled with role models and people we could admire and look up to. In fact, we could call them heroes. This morning I want to talk to about some of the heroes of the Bible.

The world is also filled with talented people and you probably could admire. Most of these people are put up for display in Hollywood, or the media, but God has had some special people throughout history that are unlike any of the heroes and famous people of this world. The world, for the most part, ignores the heroes of the Bible. In fact, don't be surprised if you find that the world hates God and His people. Though the world ignores these godly heroes, they are special to God, and Heb. 11:38 says that the world is not worthy of them.

Now what is the difference between the heroes of the world and the heroes of the Bible?

I John 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

The World exalts:
The lust of the flesh.
They lost of the eyes.
The Pride of life.

God's heroes are heroes of:
Faith.
Humility.
Obedience.

For instance, when Moses was called of God to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt he came to Pharaoh and said, "thus saith the Lord. Let my people go.." Then Pharaoh said why should I let your people go, who is the Lord? Then Pharaoh asked Moses to show a sign or a miracle to prove that God spoke to him.

So Moses threw down his rod and it became a serpent. Than the magicians did the same thing, they threw down their rods and they became serpents. Now the magicians were many, so there were more of their serpents than Aaron and Moses lone rod. The world has more heroes and talented people, it seems. But then Moses's serpent swallowed up the other serpents. In the end these people of the world will perish. Don't be fooled by the heroes of the world who do not love God. Whose lives are a mess. Who have problems with drugs and drinking. Who cannot stay married. Who are not saved. Who do not live for God. They look good on the outside. You may want to be like them because they seem popular and liked.

This is the lesson. In the end they will perish. They will be swallowed up in the judgment of God.

Of God's heroes, the Bible says:

I John 4:4 because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

The magicians and sorceress imitated almost every one of Moses and Aaron's miracles, but in the end God's servants prevailed.

The heroes of the Bible are unlike any of the famous people of this world.

LET'S CONSIDER SOME OF THE GREAT HEROES OF THE BIBLE.

I. THERE WERE TWO HEROES IN THE BIBLE THAT NEVER FACED DEATH.

They were examples of Faith, Humility, Obedience.

Enoch & Elijah.

Genesis 5:24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

II Kings 2:11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

You know that we spent a lot of money trying to get men into space.

God allowed two men to go up into outer space without a space ship.

When I was young I was fascinated with the idea of traveling into outer space. God allowed these two men to go further into the heavens than any space ship we ever sent to outer space.

In fact someday the Lord is going to take all His children up to Heaven, just like He did with Enoch and Elijah.

II. THE SECOND HERO I WANT TO TALK ABOUT IS ABRAHAM.

He is called the Father of all who believe.

He was known for his faith in God.

There is no man that ever lived that people look to as their father, like Abraham.

He is the father of the Jews.

He is the father of the Arab nations.

He is called the the father of all who believe.

It is rare that the heroes of Hollywood ever have happy families and children.

Hollywood fathers do not make good fathers. Problems with drinking, drugs, and cheating on each other. WHY WOULD YOU MAKE THOSE KIND OF PEOPLE YOUR HERO???

Remember all that is of the world is:

Lust of the flesh.

Lust of the eyes.

Pride of life.

Abraham is such a positive influence that he has many children today spiritually. Because of his faith the Bible says,

Romans 4:16 Abraham; who is the father of us all,

A deacon in my church shared with me Genesis 12 to inspire me to leave my home town to go to Bible College. If it were not for Abraham's example I would not be your Pastor today.

Abraham was an example of:

Faith.
Obedience.
Humility.

III. WE HAVE ALREADY TALKED ABOUT MOSES, BUT HE IS ONE OF THE GREAT HEROES OF THE BIBLE.

He wrote the first 5 books of the Bible and maybe even the book of Job.

He gave the Jews freedom from bondage in Egypt and established the Jews as a nation. To this day there is the nation Israel.

He could have been rich and famous in his world. He could have enjoyed the pleasures of Egypt but instead he chose to suffer with his people and later by faith lead them out of Egypt. Egypt was the Hollywood of his day.

Is there any man ever used to establish a nation that is as old as Israel and is still in existence?

Nations have come and gone, but Israel has outlived them all.

God used Moses to be the George Washington of Israel.

The Bible said of Moses, he was the meekest man on the earth.

Again the characteristic of God's heroes are:

Humility.
Faith.
Obedience.

IV. GOD RAISED UP MEN TO SHOW HIS MIGHT TO THE WORLD.

1. SAMSON WAS THE STRONGEST MAN THAT EVER LIVED.

We are amazed at the athletes of this world. If Samson got the football he could get a touch down each time with no problem.

Samson caught 300 foxes and tied a torch to the tails and burned the fields of the Philistines.

Samson Killed a lion with his bare hands.

Samson defeated a whole army of the Philistines with just his bare hands and old jawbone of a donkey.

2. DAVID WAS THE BRAVEST YOUNG MAN IN THE BIBLE.

He killed Goliath with a sling shot. He was just a boy.

3. SOLOMON WAS THE WISEST AND MOST WEALTHY MAN TO EVER LIVE.

The queen of Sheba came to hear his wisdom and see his wealth.

4. DANIEL WAS THE GREATEST OF THE WISEMEN OF THE EAST.

Yet he did not compromise his faith in God.

V. THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN THAT EVER LIVED WAS RECORDED IN THE BIBLE.

Every young girl looks up to a role models and it is sad but true most of these heroes are not godly people but part of the Hollywood crowd.

Most of these women are immoral, loud obnoxious rebellious and foul mouthed.

All that is of the world LUST OF FLESH, EYES and PRIDE.

The King of Persia when looking for a queen not only wanted outer beauty but looked for inner beauty. He found that in Esther.

This was Queen Esther. She was a woman of Faith, Humility, Obedience..

Of all the woman of her day, she was chosen to be queen.

She became a Hero to her people. Because of her influence she was used to protect her people from extinction.

VI. WE COULD NAME ALL THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS AS HEROES.

Who were the prophets?

Isaiah

Jeremiah

Ezekiel

Daniel

Hosea

Joel

Amos

Obadiah

Nahum

Habakkuk

Zephaniah

Haggai

Zechariah

Malachi...

Of all of these I think of Jeremiah. He was an example of suffering and obedience to God.

These all were examples of faith, obedience, humility.

VI. IN THE NEW TESTAMENT WE HAVE THE ULTIMATE HERO, JESUS.

You see a Hero is someone who shows bravery.
A Hero is someone who comes to your rescue.
A Hero is someone that you can look up to.

The Heroes of the world may be attractive.
The Heroes of the world may be talented.
The Heroes of the world may be rich and famous.

But they are usually full of pride.
They usually get involved in fleshly lust and sins.
They usually are full of arrogance.

Some of the most famous of the world's heroes died of over doses of drugs.
Some of the most famous of the world's heroes had terrible marriages and families.
Some of the most famous of the world's heroes were proud and arrogant people.
Filled with the Lust of the Flesh, Lust Eyes, and pride.
And do you know who it is that promotes the Heroes of the world.
The one behind the scenes is none other than the devil. Satan.

Satan brings heartache to this world.
Satan brings death .. to this world.
Satan is the author of sin.

Jesus is the greatest Hero of all time. He was sinless!

He single handedly defeated Satan by going to the cross.
He liberated us from sin.
He liberated this world.

He was humble he submitted to his Father he was obedient unto death!

He went to the cross and paid for your sin and my sin.
He died was buried and conquered our greatest enemy. DEATH!
He arose from the dead and now he is preparing a city for us.
He is building a New Jerusalem and house we can live in for eternity!

Now He is my hero and He is my savior, He is my King!

Why would I have any Hollywood Hero?
Why would I want any football Hero?
Why would I want any sleazy Musical Hero?
Why would I want any other Hero besides Jesus?
Give your heart to Jesus and let Him be your hero.
The way you make Jesus Christ your hero is by accepting Him as Lord and Savior.