House On The Rock Life Group Study outline

February: The Manifestation of Sons

Week 1 – The Call to Sonship

Introduction

We see in the book of Galatians that a child, even the heir to a great inheritance, is no better than a servant in the home when it comes to exercising the rights of that inheritance. It is when the child becomes a son, a mature individual capable of handling the responsibilities of an estate, that the benefits of heirship become accessible. Likewise, we know that by the law of many countries there is a specific age – most often 18 or 21 – at which a child is considered mature enough to be treated as an adult. Today, we will explore this idea from a spiritual perspective in order to understand what it means for us to be called sons.

Pilot text

<u>Gal 4:1-5</u> 1 Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, 2 but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. 3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. 4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

- Is the term "son" as used in our pilot text related to gender? [Open discussion]
- What does the bible say about sonship? Who are sons, according to the bible?
 - o Gal 4:5, Matt 5:45, Rom 8:14, Hebrews 12:7-8
- What does it mean to be a son of God in everyday life?
 - o Luke 12:48b, Matt 5:48, Rom 8:19-22
- Take home actions
 - o Where do you need to manifest more as a son?

Note:

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